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People Enthusiastic Over Dramatic Change Of Outlook

THE DRAMATIC CHANGE IN THE EUROPEAN SITUATION ARISING FROM MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S INITIATIVE HAS AROUSED AS GREAT ENTHUSIASM AMONG THE GERMAN PEOPLE AS IN BRITAIN.

Hopes that were at zero rose like a rocket with an unanimous exclamation of "Thank God."

Political quarters were electrified at the news of the Munich conference and there is a feeling of immense relief and satisfaction.

Nevertheless, it is realised that the agreement to go into conference does not provide a solution and that there are serious obstacles still to be overcome. In German circles, there is insistence that the German Government cannot recede from the stand it has adopted and that occupation of the purely Sudeten areas must take place immediately.

It is noteworthy last night that the German radio stations as a counterblast to British and French broadcasts in German harangued the German people for long spells on the state of terrorisation in the Sudeten areas, alleging that the Sudetens are being machine-gunned day and night.

The press gives considerable prominence to the British precautionary measures, including the constant air patrols of the East and South-East coasts, and nightly searchlight activity, and the preparation of an enormous air raid shelter by isolating a section of the London tube.

CHANGE OF FRONT IN SPAIN TOO?

London, To-day. Optimism prevailing here is further strengthened by the report that the withdrawal of Italian volunteers from Spain is to be arranged in the near future.

According to a Rome message, Mussolini is determined, following the Munich Conference, to definitely deal with this problem.

An official announcement will be made, it is stated, as soon as an agreement has been reached with General Franco. — Trans-Ocean.

Berlin, To-day. A statement in regard to the Munich conference published by a German news agency says:

"It is learned in well-informed circles that new proposals for solution of the Czech-Slovak crisis were submitted yesterday by the British as well as the French Government.

"The British Prime Minister offered to meet the Fuehrer again for a personal talk, and simultaneously Signor Mussolini offered his help in the search for an immediate solution.

NO DELAY

"The Czech crisis does not bear any delay in view of German preparation, but the situation demands

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JAPAN WILL
TAKE REPRISALS
IN CHINA IF
SANCTIONS
ARE APPLIED

Tokyo, To-day.

The threat that reprisals will be taken if Sanctions are actually applied against Japan, is contained in an inspired statement issued last night.

The statement says that this would mean abandonment of the legal view that no formal state of war exists, which Britain and other countries had adopted in order to protect their interests in China.

"In such a case, Japan would be obliged to reconsider her fundamental policy respecting foreign interests and concessions in China, and would have to take free action in her military operations in China."

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Covering Your Furniture With Glory

By ELIZABETH MACRAE BOYKIN

The real news in the upholstery world is the removable cover . . . not a slip cover but a regular attached upholstered cover that will come on and off for cleaning. The secret of course is in snaps and zips that attach the pieces of the cover to the frame of the chair, and the idea works quite as well for an all-upholstered chair as for the wood frame chair. When this becomes a reality in our homes, we'll buy both summer and winter coverings when we buy the chair, quite as a matter of course, and there will be easy ways of re-ordering new covers for old chairs. However, this has only just been introduced to the trade, so it will be much later in the year before you can actually say "Send one out." What makes us mad is that no one thought of the idea long ago.

FASHION TRENDS

In the meantime, what about all the frayed and faded chairs in captivity that will have to "do" for quite a while to come? They need recovering, and most of us would like to perk them up a bit. Then there are the rest of us who will go to market for the good old tried and true upholstery covers that are sewed and tacked on the same as always. For fads may come and fads may go, but these continue to be favourites because of their good sitting.

Furniture coverings are going to be a bit plainer than they've been because carpets are getting fancier. So you'll see many interesting plain-effect materials that will be as fine as silk for decorating. But of course if your floor and rugs are plain or fairly so, you'll still find plenty of flowered materials to bless yourself with. The plains will, however, steal the fashion picture, for they will emphasize new textures that are not so nubby and tweedy as formerly but of unusual surface effect. Sometimes this will be achieved by often have kick pleats at the corners

REPTILE OR OSTRICH FOR UPHOLSTERY

Leather for upholstery is going to be the very last word, but you'll be seeing new surface effects. Cowhide stamped to look like ostrich, reptile, or other unusual skins will be the smartest thing. Raw hides will be very much in, and interesting colour effects are going to be featured. Such as, white, sage greens, and all the range of the warm browns.

Stripes are literally everything in the figured world. Broad stripes (up to six inches in width!), medium stripes, pin stripes. They afford the effect of pattern without seeming to clutter up the picture. They can be used to introduce complementary or matching colour, or just to introduce a dashing note of chic. So don't pass them up when you set out to shop for new upholstery fabrics.

Floral designs are definitely trending toward smaller scale designs as a reaction from the huge motifs that have been the rage these past seasons. And there are rather formal classic medallions, a great many floral stripes and perfectly lovely all-over sprigged designs. Backgrounds include some fine deep reds, many amber-to-russet tans, a deep dull green, a gunmetal tone that seems to go with anything. In the light tone grounds, white continues to hold its own. Pinks in the mauve-ish casts are still tops. The blues as usual take the centre of the stage, but they're grey-blues or warm, deep blues rather than the green-blues that have had things their own way so long.

THE LOOSE FLOUNCE

Trimmings lend glamour and individuality to upholstered furniture. And a loose flounce is smarter around the bottom than a fastened or pleated one. This loose flounce will be finished with braid and will sometimes this will be achieved by often have kick pleats at the corners



Stripes are the rage in decorating just now and nothing is smarter than a sofa with cushions like this covered with a dynamic stripe. Then you can combine a subtle all over patterned carpet with it to advantage.

only. Or it will be scalloped.

"You'll find combinations of materials very much in—that is, a plaid for the seat and a plain for the rest of the piece. Also watch for shirred cushion tops on upholstered pieces for stylized rooms, because you're probably going to be seeing them about. Extra odd cushions in square, round or oblong shape continue to add fresh details to the decorative picture and to provide a way to introduce or accent a colour.

LONG ENOUGH

The main caution about upholstery this year is that the hale and hearty wear-like-iron materials aren't the whole show. They haven't

the style that the less permanent materials have . . . any more than clod-hopper shoes can compete with a trim pair of open-toed sandals, even if the clod hoppers would wear out four or five of the cute little numbers. So don't go for the mohairs and brocatelles just because they are so sturdy. At least consider the lighter smarter fabrics that may have to be replaced before you're old and grey, for isn't everything that's gracious a bit more trouble? You wouldn't expect your suit to do for ever and aye, would you? Then why isn't two or three years along enough for furniture covering?

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Beauty and You

By PATRICIA LINDSAY

NEW GOWNS AND COIFFURES REQUIRE BEAUTIFUL NECK AND SHOULDERS

As the mode changes we refresh our bodies! No wonder men marvel at us. One year we are without chests. The next, we develop nicely rounded bosoms! If the walking vogue is a slouch—we slouch and allow our shoulders to grow rounded! Just bring on the style and we grow into it!

Honestly, we are queer, we of the female sex. But at last only good posture and regal carriage is fashionable. Thank heaven for this era's style for now we must learn to walk erect with easy grace. Our shoulders must be firm and lovely to set off the new, strapless gowns and swim suits. Our necks, usually neglected, must be beautiful, as appropriate pedestals for smartly coiffured heads. Hair sweeping up into a cluster of curls with tantalizing ringlets in back of our ears. Yes, it is practically the Gibson Girl period returned, and we might conceivably look forward to wasp waist-lines!

TO KEEP NECK BEAUTIFUL

A few brief rules for keeping the neck beautiful. Scrub it each morning with a rich deep lather and body brush, using a light rotary movement. Rinse it well. Dry well. Powder with the same shade of powder you use for your face. Remember your neck is a continuation of your face!

At night cleanse it with a light cleansing cream. Then, with an upward movement, massage the skin well, using a rich nourishing cream or a bit of mineral oil.

Whenever you think to do it, exercise your neck by bending it forward and backward and rotating it slowly.

SHOULDERS NEED EXERCISE, TOO

There is no beauty in hollow shoulders or a skinny neck. You develop them through exercise and

eat enough to fill them out. A simple exercise does wonders for both, here it is:

Lie on your stomach across a chair, balancing the body carefully with feet and arms extended. Move your arms as if you were swimming the breast stroke. Out straight—slowly to the sides—back until you feel a pull on your shoulder blades. Relax after a minute or two and repeat.

Of course, the actual breast stroke while you are swimming will do more than anything else to make your shoulders beautiful.

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

Trivial incidents may divert the attention from important issues, so be on your guard against this happening to you. Fascination will be an unbalancing influence this day, particularly in matters requiring the use of good judgment. Good manners are likely to be at a premium, for rudeness seemingly will be among the prevalent disturbing factors, especially in business circles. You can place more dependency upon good than on evil reports this day, for maliciousness may be back of the latter. Your staying powers ought to make some singleness of purpose work out successfully this day, so persevere no matter how difficult a task may seem. Married and engaged couples, and those whose ideals regarding love appears to have been realized, will do well to remember that diplomacy and discretion frequently

prevent a world of trouble. Both can be used advantageously this day.

If a woman and September 29 is your birthday, if you have learned to restrain your impulses, you will find happiness in love. You require comfortable, if not luxurious, surroundings in order to work efficiently and be contented. Discordant conditions, untidiness, or any aspect of sordidness, are apt to have a bad reaction on your artistic temperament. Your nature responds to soothing odors, harmonious sounds and beautiful surroundings. You ought to seek friends from among only cultured people, for they will not jar your susceptibilities. As a hostess, interior decorator, designer, artist, author, shop or office executive you might have a splendid chance of making good. Nuptial ties should make Cupid a permanent captive in your home.



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AUSTRALIAN ASSURANCE OF AID

Canberra, To-day.

The most crowded House of Parliament in Australian history heard the Premier, Mr. J. A. Lyons, make a statement yesterday on the European situation.

Mr. Lyons said that Britain had the support of Australia in her efforts to preserve peace.

This policy, affirmed by the whole British Commonwealth at the Imperial Conference in 1937, had been carried out to the letter.

"If war comes," said Mr. Lyons, "it will not be by reason of anything the British nations have done or failed to do." — Reuter.

Soviet Supports Roosevelt

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet is willing to support President Roosevelt's proposal to hold an international conference and to take an active part therein, states M. Potemkin, Assistant Commissar for Foreign Affairs.

M. Potemkin was speaking in reply to a suggestion from the United States that the Soviet should also appeal to Germany and Czechoslovakia to settle the Sudeten issue peacefully. — Reuter.

PRAGUE DOES NOT COMMENT

Prague, To-day.

The agreement to hold a Four-Power Conference at Munich was announced here by radio last night without comment. The papers publish it also without commenting.

Official quarters do not voice any opinion as to the inferences to be drawn. — Trans-Ocean.

AMERICA MAY SEND OBSERVER

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Daladier, will depart for Munich between 8 and 8.30 a.m. on Thursday (3 and 3.30 p.m. Hong-kong Time) in a special plane.

He will be accompanied by the Secretary-General in the Foreign Ministry, M. Leger, as well as by the Chief de Cabinet, M. Genebrier.

The Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet will not take part in the parleys.

It is stated that an American observer will be present, and it is presumed that he will be one of the U. S. Ambassadors to one of the principal European countries. — Trans-Ocean.

LORD HALIFAX AT NO. 10

London, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain will arrive in Munich at about 12 noon (8 p.m. Hong-kong Time).

Lord Halifax visited No. 10 Downing Street at 7.30 p.m. last night.

A large crowd demonstrated noisily its relief over the fact that the crisis has been staved off at the 11th hour. — Trans-Ocean.

AMBASSADORS SEE HITLER

Berlin, To-day.

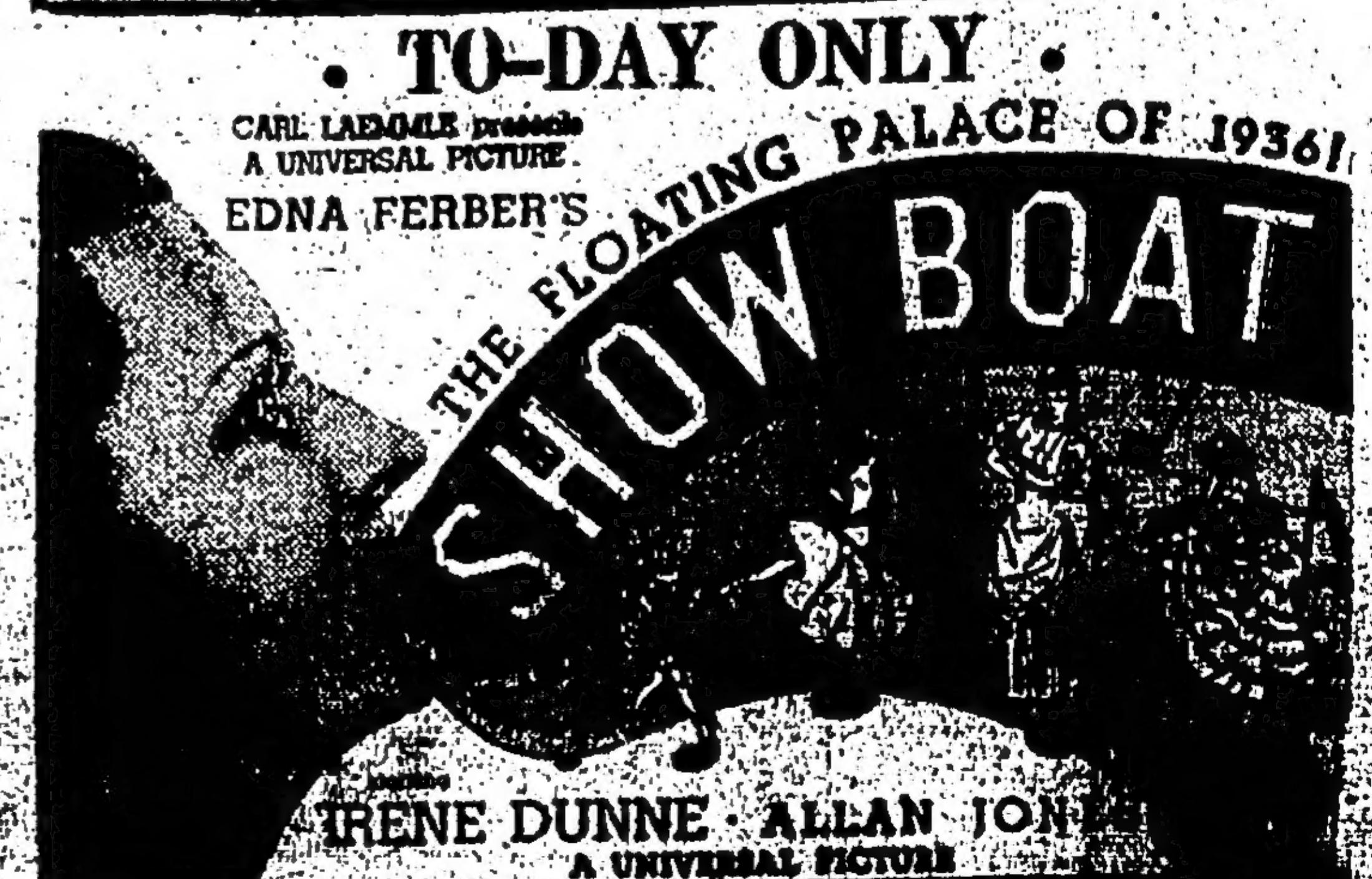
The Fuehrer on Wednesday received the British and French Ambassadors as well as the Italian Ambassador.

M. Francois-Poncet and Sir Neville Henderson were with the Fuehrer for an hour each. Nothing has been divulged concerning the contents of the conversations. — Trans-Ocean.

PASSPORT CASE

A 46-year-old German, Otto Bretting, was fined \$5 at the Central Magistracy this morning, for failing to report his arrival in the Colony within 48 hours.

Inspector Langley said defendant arrived on September 22 by the Empress of Asia from Yokohama.



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GERMAN STANDPOINT: NEW CONFERENCE WILL NOT CHANGE GERMANY'S VIEW: TALK WILL CLEAR AIR

London, To-day.

"This new conference will not change the German view on the Sudeten question," says a Berlin message quoting an official of the German Propaganda Ministry in an interview with Reuter on the Munich talks.

The official added: "However, if four persons talk matters will certainly become clearer."

News of the Munich conference has had its effect everywhere.

In Washington, White House circles regard Hitler's invitation as a most encouraging sign.

A New York report states, in addition, that Wall Street greeted the news with a rousing rally.

LIVELY HOPE

Geneva received the announcement with the greatest surprise, and this latest development has aroused the liveliest hopes of a peaceful settlement.

Mr. Chamberlain's policy receives very warm praise in League circles.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT MESSAGE TO MUSSOLINI

Washington, To-day.

"In the interests of preserving world peace," President Roosevelt yesterday sent a personal message to Signor Mussolini, announced Mr. Roosevelt's secretary.—Reuter.

CANADA RELIEVED

Ottawa, To-day.

Deep relief is felt in all circles here at news of the Munich conference.—Reuter.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S HOPE OF SETTLEMENT

Washington, To-day.

Dr. Hans Dieckhoff, the German Ambassador, called on the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday morning.

Afterwards, Dr. Dieckhoff stated he believed the Munich conference would lead to a broad settlement embracing not only Czechoslovakia but other European problems.—Reuter.

CZECHS READY TO TALK

London, To-day.

The diplomatic-correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" asserts that the British Minister in Prague made a demarche on Wednesday night to enquire if the Czechoslovak Government would consent to an international conference and that the reply was in the affirmative, albeit with important reservations.—Trans-Ocean.

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The Hague, To-day.
The Netherlands intends to remain neutral under all circumstances, declared the Premier, Dr. Collin, in a broadcast last night. He added that the Netherlands would not give passage to any foreign armies and would defend every attack.—Reuter.

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CONFERENCE TO INAUGURATE NEW BUILDING

Munich, To-day.

The Four-Power Conference at Munich to-day will take place in the recently completed Fuehrer Building on the Koenigsplatz here.

The conference will begin at 11 a.m. Munich time, (6 p.m. H.K. Time), as all statesmen will have arrived by then.

The s.s. "Burdwan" left Singapore yesterday and is due here on Sunday to-morrow.

TWO RAIDS ON KUNMING

Hankow, To-day. It now appears that Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, was raided twice by Japanese planes before 11 o'clock yesterday morning. It was the first time Japanese planes had appeared over the city.

Details of the bombing are yet lacking, but it is known that although Chinese pursuit planes took to the air, neither side suffered any losses. — Reuter.

MUSSOLINI'S PART IN NEW STROKE ON BEHALF OF PEACE IN EUROPE

London, To-day.

The announcement of the Munich Conference and the dramatic new hopes of peace it raises, came in passages of the Premier's speech in which the long recital of the events of recent months was brought to the point where, as a last effort to preserve peace, he sent Sir Horace Wilson to Berlin on Monday with a personal message to Herr Hitler for delivery before his speech at the Sport Palast.

The French Ministers he told the House had entirely approved this initiative.

His letter had pointed out to the German Chancellor that the reception of the German Memorandum by the Czechoslovak Government and the public opinion of the world had confirmed the expectations which he had expressed at their last meeting at Godesberg.

The new proposal he made was that with a view to arriving at a settlement by negotiation there should be immediate discussion between German and Czechoslovak representatives in the presence of British representatives.

Herr Hitler, however, expressed the view that he could not depart from the procedure of the Godesberg Memorandum.

On Monday night, after reading Herr Hitler's speech, Sir Horace Wilson again saw Herr Hitler, whose views however, remained unchanged.

WARNING REPEATED

Therefore, upon the Prime Minister's instructions, Sir Horace Wilson repeated to the German Chancellor, in precise terms, that France would fulfil her obligations to Czechoslovakia in the event of an attack upon the latter and that should France become engaged in hostilities with Germany, the British Government would feel obliged to support her.

The Prime Minister went on, "Now the story I have told the House brings us up to last night. About half-past twelve I received from Herr Hitler the reply to my letter sent by Sir Horace Wilson.

A careful perusal of that indicated certain limitations which were not included in the Memorandum and it also gave certain additional assurances.

These were all reassuring statements as far as they went and I have no hesitation in saying, after the personal contact I have established with him that he means what he says.

The reflection which was uppermost in my mind when I read his letter to me was that once more differences and obscurities had been narrowed still further to a point when it was inconceivable that they could not be settled by negotiation. So strongly did I feel it that I feel impelled to send once more a last appeal to the Chancellor.

PERSONAL MESSAGE

I sent him the following personal message: "After reading your letter, I feel certain you can get all the essentials without war and without delay. I am ready to come to Berlin myself at once to discuss arrangements for transfer with you and the representatives of the Czech Government together with representatives of France and Italy if you desire, I feel convinced we could reach agreement in a week. However much you doubt the Prague Government's intentions you cannot doubt the power of the British and French Governments to see the promises are carried out fairly forthwith. As you know, I have stated publicly that we are prepared to see they shall be carried out. I cannot believe you will take the responsibility of starting a world war which may end civilization for the sake of a few days delay in settling this longstanding problem."

MESSAGE TO MUSSOLINI

At the same time I sent the following personal message to Signor Mussolini: "I have to-day addressed a last appeal to Herr Hitler to abstain from force to settle the Sudeten problem which I feel sure can be settled by a short discussion which would give the essential territory and protection for the Sudetens and Czechs. I have offered to go at once myself to Berlin to discuss arrangements with the German and Czech representatives and if the Chancellor so desires with the repre-

sentsatives of Italy and France, I trust Your Excellency will inform the German Chancellor you are willing to be represented and will urge him to agree to my proposal which will keep all our peoples out of war. I have already guaranteed the Czech promise will be carried out and I feel confident a full agreement could be reached in a week."

IL DUCE ACTS

In reply to my message to Signor Mussolini, I was informed that instructions had been sent by Il Duce to the Italian Ambassador in Berlin to see Herr von Ribbentrop at once and to say that while Italy would fulfil completely her pledges to stand by Germany, yet, in view of the request I had made, he hoped that Herr Hitler would see his way to postpone the action which the Chancellor had told Sir Horace Wilson was to be taken at two o'clock on Wednesday for at least twenty-four hours so as to allow Signor Mussolini time to re-examine situation and endeavour to find peaceful solution. In response, Herr Hitler agreed to postpone mobilisation for twenty-four hours. Whatever views members may have had about Signor Mussolini in the past I believe everyone will welcome his gesture in being willing to work with us for the avoidance of war in Europe."

REASON AND GOODWILL

When the cheering allowed him to resume, the Premier continued: "All of us are patriots and there can be no member of this House who did not feel his heart leap when he heard the crisis had been once more postponed, and we are given one more opportunity to try

what reason and goodwill and discussion can do to settle a problem which was already within sight of settlement.

The opposition leader, Mr. Attlee, rose at once and said: "I am absolutely certain everyone in this House will have welcomed the statement of the Prime Minister that even at this late hour a fresh opportunity has arisen for further discussions which may lead to the prevention of war. I am sure every member of the House is desirous of neglecting no chance of preserving peace without sacrificing principle. We wish to give the Prime Minister every opportunity of following this new move and we agree to adjourn now, and we hope that when the House reassembles in a short time, the war clouds may have lifted."

This statement was cheered on both sides of the House.

CZECH ECONOMY

Sir Archibald Sinclair, for the Liberals, expressed the feelings of relief which the Premier's announcement had aroused and of gratitude to him for the unsparring exertions he had made for peace. He added: "He has told us he is going into conference. He is determined to see the Czechs carry out the obligations they have assumed. I hope he will go with equal determination to see that Czechoslovakia shall have a chance for economic survival." — British Wireless.

IL DUCE DEPARTS

Rome, Today.

Mussolini departed by special train on Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock for Munich, where he will meet M. Daladier and Herr Hitler on Thursday morning.

At the station all members of the Cabinet and the German Embassy with the Ambassador von Neurath, were present to bid the Duce farewell. Frank Maclean,

WORLD WAKES FROM NIGHTMARE



Mr. CHAMBERLAIN . . . His Voice Failed Him After His Dramatic Announcement That A New Hope Of Peace Had Come Out Of The Blue.

M. DALADIER'S STATEMENT ON NEW TURN

PARIS, TO-DAY.
A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PREMIER, M. DALADIER, LAST EVENING WAS CAREFULLY WORDED SO AS NOT TO PREJUDICE THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THE MUNICH CONFERENCE.

His originally intended statements were replaced by a short declaration, in the course of which M. Daladier said:

"It has been agreed to hold a Four Power Conference in Munich. I have accepted the invitation. You will understand that on the eve of such important conversations, it is my duty to deter the declaration I intended to make."

"On the eve of my departure I wish to thank the French people for the firm and dignified attitude they have adopted, and I wish to thank, above all, those Frenchmen called to the colours for giving renewed proof of their calmness."

"My task is difficult. In view of the difficulties, I did not cease for a single day to work for peace and to safeguard France's vital interests. To-morrow I shall continue these endeavours in the conviction that in doing so I am in full agreement with the nation!" — Trans-Ocean.

CZECHS ASK TO BE PRESENT

London, To-day.
It is understood that the Czech Minister in London, M. Jan Masaryk, yesterday handed Mr. Chamberlain a note suggesting that a Czechoslovak spokesman attend the Munich conference. — Reuter.

Queen Mary Leaves Commons In Tears

London, To-day.
Queen Mary was present in the Speaker's Gallery of the House of Commons during yesterday's session, and when she left immediately after the statement concluding Mr. Chamberlain's sensational announcements, she was in tears.

The Duke of Kent listened to the speech from the seat over the clock which formerly was the traditional seat of the Prince of Wales.

An air of resigned apprehension dominated the Chamber even when the Prime Minister suddenly announced: "Herr Hitler has agreed to postpone mobilisation for twenty-four hours."

However, when Mr. Chamberlain added: "Herr Hitler has invited me to meet him at Munich to-morrow," a change came over the House.

The House seemed to be rubbing its eyes as though waking from a nightmare, and then followed the biggest round of cheers of the day.

Announcement that the Fuehrer had also invited Signor Mussolini and M. Daladier, the French Premier, produced a climax not seen in the Commons for many years.

Everyone woke to the fact that the Prime Minister had performed yet another service to peace.

REMARKABLE SCENE

Every member, in the House and every stranger in the Public Galleries rose to their feet at a bound and cheered, waved, clapped, shouted and cheered again.

The Prime Minister stood with head erect and the muscles of his face twitching.

Then he lowered his head and for a moment stood uneasily while the cheering proceeded.

As the ovation subsided, all the weight of events during the past week seemed to have suddenly descended on the Prime Minister's fortitude.

He controlled himself with a great effort but his ringing voice had gone.

MOIST EYES

He might have been asking a religious assembly to offer prayer as in scarcely audible tones he concluded: "I hope the House will be prepared to release me now to see what I can make of this last effort." In a moment Mr. Chamberlain had resumed his seat.

Both Mr. Chamberlain and Sir John Simon (the Chancellor of the Exchequer) who had sat beside him throughout, had moist eyes as they spoke a few words to one another. — Reuter.

VISIBLY AFFECTED

Mr. Chamberlain was visibly affected by the demonstration of the House.

Throughout the speech, which concluded at 4.21, he had spoken in strong, and sometimes ringing, tones. His voice was low and controlled as he now declared that no member of the House would not feel his heart leap that the crisis was once more postponed.

WHITEHALL CHEERS

Cheering crowds in Whitehall ran behind the Premier's car and formed a group about it as Mr.

Chamberlain descended at 10 Downing Street with his wife.

The Premier was smiling and confident, and in response to cheers and handclaps he cried: "It's all right this time." He then seized his wife's arm and shook it warmly. — Reuter.

ADJOURNMENT TILL MONDAY

The Premier's announcement produced a scene such as has been rarely witnessed within the walls of Parliament. Ministers on the closely packed Treasury Bench and supporters of the Government who crowded the benches on the floor of the Chamber and the filled Galleries rose and cheered for several minutes.

On the Premier's suggestion, to which the two Opposition leaders brought their support in short speeches the spirit of which was recognised in a renewed outburst of enthusiasm, the Commons adjourned until Monday.

NEWS AGENCY DENIES RUMOUR

The Trans-Ocean News Service issued a statement this morning most emphatically denying that there is any truth in reports published in local vernacular papers to the effect that "The German Trans-

Ocean News Service has received secret orders from their Government ordering them to leave within one week and return to Germany."

No such orders have been received by the Trans-Ocean News Service either from the German Government or from the German Consulate in Hong Kong.

The Trans-Ocean News Service is carrying on work as usual, and no special preparations are contemplated for leaving the Colony or closing the office.

NO LOCAL CONFERENCE

It is further emphatically denied that a "Conference" took place at the German Consulate on Wednesday evening between 7 and 9 p.m."

No such conference has ever taken place, and, according to authoritative information, no such

MUSSOLINI AND CIANO ALREADY ON THEIR WAY

London, To-day.

While Mr. Chamberlain and the French Premier, M. Daladier, are leaving for Munich for the vital meeting with Herr Hitler this morning, Signor Mussolini has already left for Germany.

Il Duce, accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, left Rome by special train last evening.

Mr. Chamberlain will once again fly over to Germany, and will hop off at 7.30 this morning (3.30 p.m. Hong Kong Time), accompanied by a large entourage.

With him will be Sir Horace Wilson (personal adviser), Sir William Makin (legal adviser to the Foreign Office), Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin (member of Lord Runciman's mission), Mr. William Strang (Foreign Office counsellor), Lord Douglass, M.P., a personal detective, and other officials.

THREE-HOUR JOURNEY

The Prime Minister will fly from Heathrow in the Super-Lockheed plane which carried him to Cologne last week.

He is expected to cover the 600-mile journey in about three hours. The plane will be flown by Commander E. G. Robinson, senior pilot of British Airways, who participated in all the previous flights to Germany, and he will be accompanied by Commander V. E. Flowerday, Master Pilot of British Airways, and the chief radio officer, Mr. A. Woodall.

A second machine of the same type will convey the other members of the party, and will be piloted by Commander D. S. King, and first officer A. G. Nicholson, with the radio officer Mr. A. M. Wood.

DALADIER ALSO FLYING

M. Edouard Daladier leaves at 8.30 this morning.

M. Daladier, who will also fly to Munich, will be accompanied by M. Clapier (director of the Prime Minister's office), M. Alexis Leger (secretary-general of the Foreign Ministry) and M. Rochat (director of European affairs in the Foreign Office). — Reuter.

IN A HURRY

Lau Fong, 19, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate this morning for embarking on the steamer "Man Shun" at the Victoria Ferry wharf, without having paid his proper fare.

Defendant said he was in a hurry to catch the boat, gave the fare to the conductor and forgot to get his ticket. He claimed he was a compositor of the "South China Morning Post."

Defendant was remanded for further enquiries.

conference is planned.

It is stated that German residents in Hong Kong are carrying on their work as usual, confident that a settlement will be reached in Europe without hostilities breaking out.

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Mr. Chamberlain's Letters To Herr Hitler

London, To-day.

A White Paper issued last night contains correspondence respecting Czechoslovakia, including a letter from Lord Runciman to Mr. Chamberlain on September 21, the Anglo-French proposals presented to Czechoslovakia, and Mr. Chamberlain's first letter to Hitler written for the purpose of clarifying the situation and accelerating their first conversations.

In later correspondence, Mr. Chamberlain said to Hitler:

"Doubtless the plan you propose would, if it were acceptable, provide an immediate easing of tension, but I do not think you have realised the impossibility to my agreeing to put forward any plan unless I have reason to suppose it will be considered by public opinion in my country and the world generally as carrying out the principles already agreed upon in an orderly fashion and free from the threat of force."

POLAND WANTS OLSA TERRITORY IMMEDIATELY

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish Note handed to the Czechoslovak Government categorically demands the return of Olsa Territory to Poland, it is learned here from a reliable source.

The Note says that Poland will refuse to enter into any negotiations with regard to the transfer of the territory which will have to occur without further delay. Prague, it declares, will have to make its decision forthwith.

The Polish press, which calls the Polish Note a concrete proposal for the solution of the problem says that so far there are no signs of an easing of the tension.

The present moment declares "Gazeta Polska" calls for speedy, radical and clear decisions. The only decision left for Czechoslovakia to take is to cede that territory which Poland claims.

Polish public opinion categorically rejects every attempt at procrastination.

The answer must be "Yes" or "No." — Trans-Ocean.

"I am sure an attempt to occupy the frontier forthwith by German troops in areas which will become part of the Reich at once in principle, and very shortly afterwards by formal delimitation, would be condemned as an unnecessary display of force.

"Even if I felt it right, the Czechs, I am convinced will not regard it as being in the spirit of the arrangement which we and the French urged them to accept and which they accepted.

WOULD MEAN WAR

"In the event of German troops moving, as you propose, there is no doubt that the Czechs will have no option but to order their forces to resist, and this would mean destruction of the basis upon which you and I have agreed to work together, namely, an orderly settlement rather than a settlement by the use of force.

"There must surely be alternatives to your proposal." — Reuter.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT

Repeated British Representations To Germany

Statement On Critical Negotiations

London, To-day.

In his anxiously awaited statement in the House of Commons yesterday, a statement which proved to be one of the most vital made by a British Prime Minister for many years, Mr. Chamberlain referred to the position in July, when a deadlock had arisen in the negotiations between Czechoslovakia and the Sudetens.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the British Government faced three alternatives.

Either to threaten to go to war with Germany if she attacked Czechoslovakia, or we could have stood aside to allow matters to take their course, or finally we could attempt to find a peaceful solution.

The first course we rejected. We had no treaty obligations with Czechoslovakia, and had always refused to accept such obligations.

The second course was also repugnant, and we addressed ourselves to the task of mediation.

Mr. Chamberlain paid a tribute to Lord Runciman, whose long and exhausting efforts had gained the esteem of both sides. (Cheers).

Lord Runciman's efforts had directed a considerable degree of success towards bringing the Sudeten-Czech negotiations closer together.

GERMAN SUSPICION

On July 28, Lord Halifax wrote a personal letter to Herr von Ribbentrop (Germany's Foreign Minister), expressing regret at the latter's statement to Sir Neville Henderson (Ambassador in Germany) that Germany must reserve its attitude towards the Runciman mission, as the matter was purely a British concern.

Lord Halifax had expressed the hope that Germany would collaborate in a peaceful solution of the Sudeten question, and afterwards to establishing of relations between Britain and Germany on a basis of mutual confidence and collaboration.

URGENT WARNINGS

Referring to the events of Sept. 1, when Sir Neville Henderson saw Herr von Ribbentrop and repeated the urgent warning he gave the State Secretary the previous day, Mr. Chamberlain said the Government desired to impress the seriousness of the situation on the German Government without formal representations, which the German Government might have interpreted as a public rebuff as in the case of the Coup representation on May 21.

PROPER CONDITIONS

The British Minister in Prague emphasised that it was vital in the interests of Czechoslovakia to afford immediately and without reservation those conditions without which the Sudeten question could not be considered settled.

Subsequently, Sir Neville Henderson at Nuremberg impressed on leading German personalities the attitude of the British Government.

No personal representations were made to Herr Hitler, as such action might have had a contrary effect to what was intended.

WILD CHEERING

Everyone in the House and Galleries rose and cheered wildly when Mr. Chamberlain, after announcing that Hitler had agreed to postpone mobilisation for twenty-four hours, said that he (Mr. Chamberlain) sent yet another appeal to

Herr Hitler offering to go again to Signor Mussolini direct to join the conference and settle the details in a week.

Herr Hitler, said Mr. Chamberlain, had invited him to meet him at Munich to-morrow (Thursday).

Herr Hitler had also invited Signor Mussolini and M. Daladier, the French Premier, both of whom had accepted.

Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Godesberg, when the German people gave him a warm welcome, demonstrated their desire for peace.

GODESBERG ULTIMATUM

He explained to Herr Hitler the Anglo-French arrangements relating to transfer of territory and final delimitation to the frontier.

Herr Hitler declined to conclude a pact of non-aggression with Czechoslovakia while other minorities there were still unsatisfied.

Herr Hitler refused to accept Mr. Chamberlain's other proposals as too dilatory, and gave Mr. Chamberlain his memorandum.

For the first time, he found it contained a time limit, and he spoke very frankly of the risks attendant upon such terms.

He declared that the language and manner of the document was that of an ultimatum, and bitterly reproached the Chancellor for his failure to respond to his efforts to secure peace.

FINAL MEETING

Dealing with the final meeting at Godesberg, Mr. Chamberlain had a few words with the Chancellor which he did not think were without importance.

Herr Hitler reiterated the great earnestness of this, his last territorial ambition in Europe, and secondly, he again earnestly said that he wanted to be friends with England, and if only the Sudeten question could be got out of the way, peacefully, he would resume negotiations.

He said there was one awkward question . . . colonies . . . but that was not a matter for war.

Mr. Chamberlain sent Sir Horace Wilson (his personal adviser) to deliver a personal message to Herr Hitler before the latter's speech on Sept. 26, making a further proposal for immediate discussions between the Germans and Czechs in the presence of British representatives.

HITLER'S REFUSAL

Herr Hitler declined to depart from the procedure in his memorandum on the ground that a conference would lead to intolerable procrastination.

After reading Herr Hitler's speech, expressing disbelief of the Czechs' intention to carry out their promise, Mr. Chamberlain issued a statement offering to guarantee the promises.

On Tuesday Sir Horace Wilson resumed the conversations with Herr Hitler, and found the latter's views apparently unchanged.

RED LINE

Herr Hitler's reply brought by Sir Horace contains the definite statement that troops will not be moved beyond a certain red line. They would be there to preserve order and to ensure a plebiscite on a free vote.

Herr Hitler offered to join in an international guarantee of the remainder of Czechoslovakia once the minority questions were settled.

"I believe he means what he says," added Mr. Chamberlain, adding that the difficulties and obscurities had narrowed to points where it was inconceivable that they could not be settled by negotiation, so that Mr. Chamberlain sent a last personal appeal stating he was convinced he could reach an agreement in a week.

FEW DAYS' DELAY

"I cannot believe you will take the responsibility for starting a world war which might end civilisation for the sake of a few days' delay in settling a long-standing problem."

Simultaneously the Premier sent a message to Signor Mussolini, appealing to him to refrain from force and offering himself to go to Berlin to discuss arrangements with German and Czech representatives, as well as Italy and France, suggesting that Mussolini inform Hitler that he (Mussolini) would be represented and urge him to agree to Mr. Chamberlain's proposal.—Reuter.

RUNCIMAN DICTUM

When Mr. Chamberlain returned from Berchtesgaden, Lord Runciman expressed the view that in consequence of recent developments, the Sudetens should be given self-determination immediately, while Czechoslovakia should be only maintained if her internal and external policy were directed at enabling her to live at peace with all her neighbours.

After consultations with M. Daladier and M. Bonnet, which were guided by a desire to find a solution which would not bring about a European war, the Czech Government were urged immediately to agree to transfer to the Reich all areas containing over 50 per cent of Sudeten inhabitants.

NEW COMMITMENT

In joining in a guarantee of Czechoslovakia against unprovoked aggression, Britain was accepting completely a new commitment. Mr. Chamberlain mentioned that note had been taken of the claims of Poland and Hungary for similar treatment of their minorities but the Government were concentrating all efforts on the Sudeten problem, on which depended the peace of Europe.

Coming to the Godesburg meeting, details of which the House eagerly awaited, the Premier said that when he explained the Anglo-French plan, Hitler made no objection, but said that he could not enter the guarantee unless Italy did likewise.

HITLER'S STAND

Mr. Chamberlain said he did not ask Hitler to enter the guarantee but whether he was prepared to conclude a pact of non-aggression. He said he could not do so while other minorities in Czechoslovakia were unsatisfied, but said Mr. Chamberlain, he had since put his views in more positive form and said that when they were satisfied they would join in an international guarantee.

After referring to Hitler's refusal of Mr. Chamberlain's other proposals, the Premier declared: "The House will realise my perplexity when Herr Hitler told me that if the principle of self-determination was accepted he would discuss with me ways and means of carrying it out, but I do not think that he was deliberately deceiving me."

NO MODIFICATION

As regards postponement of the conversation arranged for the next morning, Mr. Chamberlain put some points in a letter to Herr Hitler.

Though Hitler's reply contained an explanation, he offered no modification of his previous night's proposals.

It was that night when the memorandum and map were handed him that he spoke frankly to Hitler, "dwelling with all the emphasis at my command, on the risks of insisting on such terms and the terrible consequences if war ensued."

Despite these plain words the conversation continued on more friendly terms than ever.

Hitler said he was grateful for Mr. Chamberlain's efforts, but considered he had made a response since he had held back the contemplated operations and had offered Czechoslovakia a frontier very different from what he would have taken as a result of a military conflict.

When Mr. Chamberlain referred to Hitler's reference to the one awkward question of Colonies, there was some laughter.

INTERRUPTERS REBUKED

Mr. Chamberlain rebuked the interrupters, saying: "I think that at a time like this it is too serious for idle laughter. They are words which weigh and ought to be fully weighed."

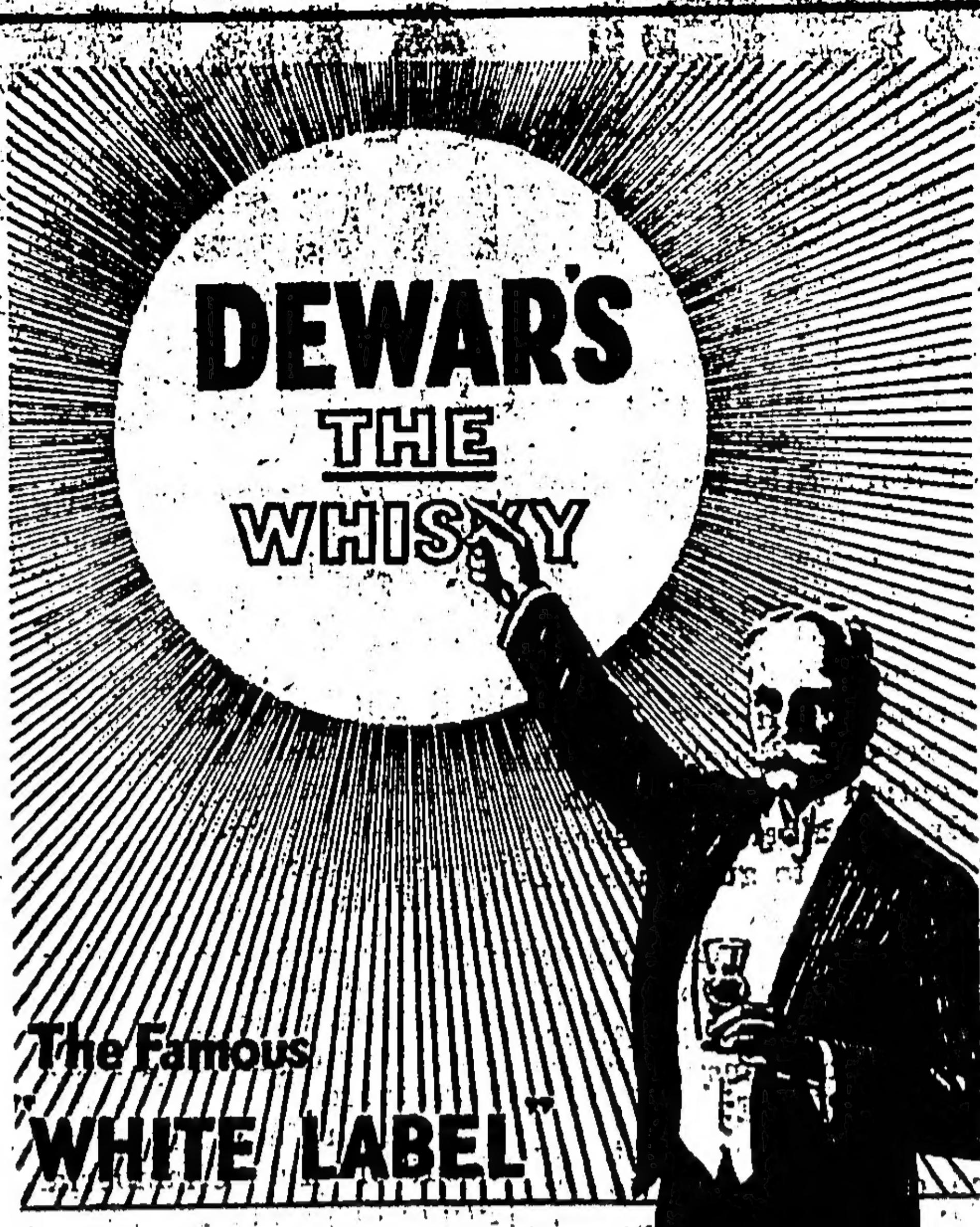
Mr. Chamberlain proceeded that the conversations were resumed with the French Ministers who stated that if Czechoslovakia was attacked France would fulfil her treaty obligations.

GUARANTEES TO FRANCE

In reply, Mr. Chamberlain told them that if French forces were actively engaged in hostilities we would support them.

Referring to the results of his message to Mussolini, Mr. Chamberlain said that whatever views we may have had about Mussolini in the past, everyone would welcome his gesture. (Cheers).

Mr. Clement Attlee, Labour Opposition Leader, made a brief speech welcoming the Premier's statement. He was sure that the House was desirous of neglecting no chance of preserving peace without sacrificing our principles, and that they would wish to give the Prime Minister every opportunity of following this new move.—Reuter.



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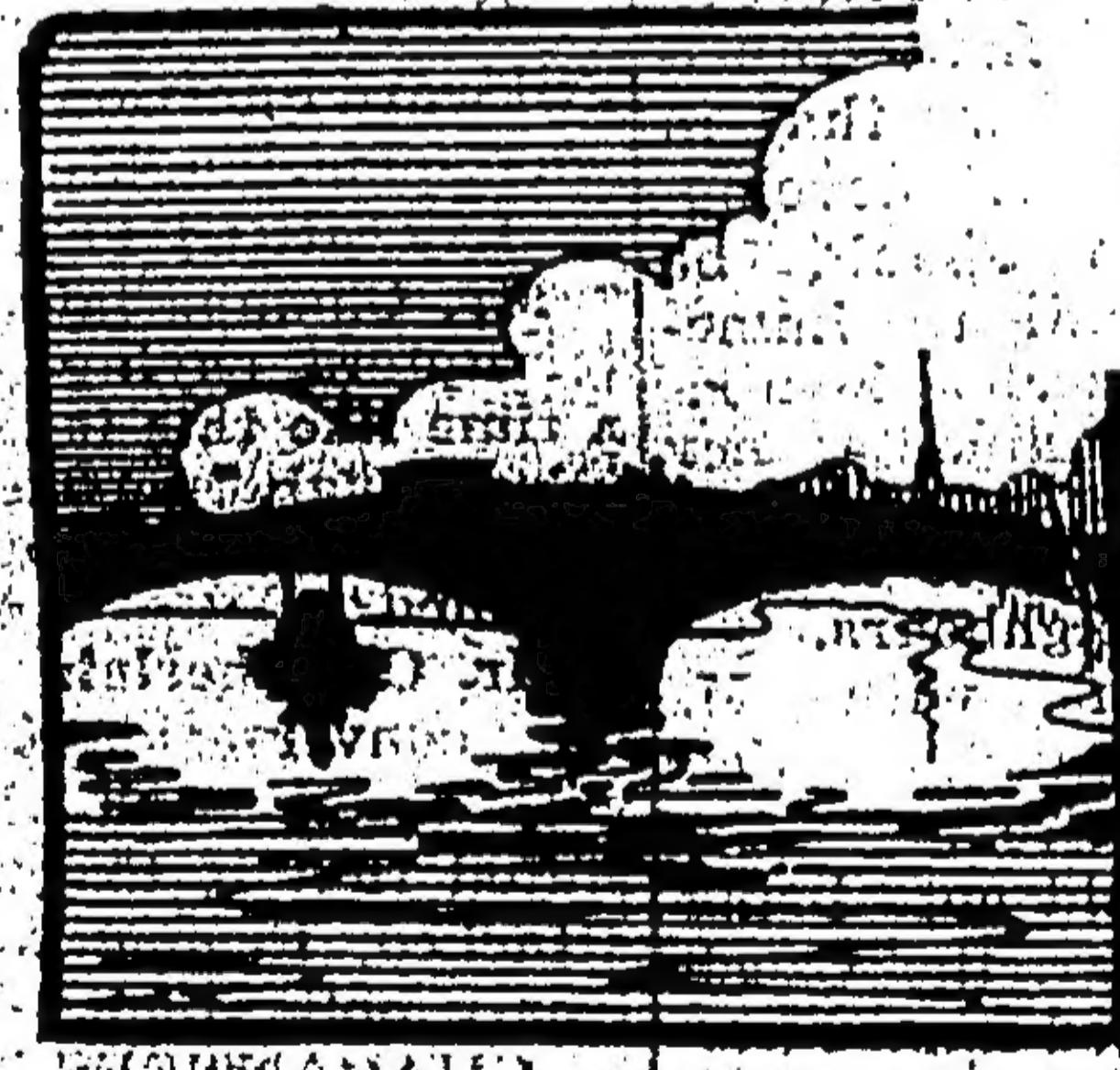
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RELIEF WORK IN CHINA

In any war the problems of Red Cross work among the combatants, and relief work among the civilians, are bound to concern the Government only a little less than the actual prosecution of the war itself. China and

Spain are both poor countries—poor, that is to say, in their technical resources for meeting the devastation of modern warfare—and to a very large extent rely on foreign humanitarian assistance. A missionary in Hankow, estimates that the population in the Hankow area has risen to about two million, and that all efforts to evacuate the

civilians farther into the interior are nullified by the additional refugees continually arriving from the North and East. The difficulty of coping with refugees, incessantly pressed back, piling up on each other behind the front line, is common to Spain and China; it has been aggravated by the natural tendency of country people everywhere to seek the towns at moments of danger. The result has been the swollen populations of Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Barcelona, and Madrid. It is remarkable that in all these cities a major epidemic has so far been avoided.

China is fortunate in that she has received large supplies of serums and vaccine which have, for the present at any rate, prevented the spread of cholera in the war zones. The migrating masses in China are used to a frugal and harsh standard of living, and though their sufferings are severe, the state of the combatants is more acute and the mortality among them higher. As Miss Agnes Smedley recently pointed out, "the care of the wounded is now, as it was a year

ago, still only a fraction of

the problems being touched."

"Very few" she wrote, "of the severely wounded reach hospital, and almost all of the lightly wounded are infected by the time they reach the rear." Decent hospital conditions are largely a matter of better organisation, but even when these are secured the shortage of skilled attention, surgical supplies, and operating facilities will continue, and it is in this direction that the sympathetic efforts of foreign countries can be valuably directed. China cannot have many of such volunteer groups as the Indian Medical Mission and the Burma Mission.

Are You a Jitterbug?

Are you a "jitterbug" or an "alligator"—or have you just got "tin ears"? These words are part of the strange new vocabulary that has grown round American swing music. A "jitterbug" is a person keen on swing, an "alligator" a non-professional swing enthusiast. If you cannot appreciate swing then you have "tin ears."

The swing musicians called "cats" play on "agony pipes" (clarinets), "dog-houses" (bass fiddles), "iron harps" (vibraphones), "trams" (trombones), "horns" (trumpets), "skins" (drums), and "woodpiles" (xylophones). Accompanying them is a "canary" (girl crooner).

Sometimes they play "boogie-woogie" (on the heavy bass instruments), sometimes "gutbucket" (unrefined). Sometimes they play "schmaltz" or "salon" (ordinary jazz), but more often they blaze away at a real "clambake" (free-style swing playing). This playing gets more complex as it gets hotter. It may start "barrelhouse" (free improvisation), blending into "screwbrown" (fast free improvisation), merging into "whackey" (uncontrolled swing).

Many swing players are "killerdillers" (first-rate players). Some are "mugglers" (Marijuana addicts), but very few are "long-hairs" (people who like classical music). And so the tongue that Shakespeare spake receives yet another and considerable transatlantic kick in the pants.

A Frugal Epoch

An appeal to the Japanese people to wear simple clothes, to refrain from buying new ones, and to limit their meals would seem to mark a return to the Spartan conditions of old Japan. Until little more than half a century ago no Japanese could eat, wear a garment, or ride in a conveyance without strict observance of sumptuary laws which had been in force for many generations. Whatever a man's rank, he might have no more than a fixed number of dishes at his ordinary meals, and there were minute instructions about the quantity of sake permissible, even the highest officials being limited to three cups, and folk of inferior rank to two. The use of sedan chairs and similar conveyances was restricted to the aged or infirm.

A nobleman of the highest rank was forbidden to spend more than \$5 a year on dress for his wife or himself, and all other ranks had to adjust their tailors' bills to a scale fixed in accordance with their income.

CHINESE HITTING BACK ALONG YANGTSE FRONT

Important Points Recaptured In Stiff Fighting

Guerilla Activity An Important Factor

Hankow, To-day.
According to semi-official messages from the Kiukiang front, Chinese guerillas are mainly responsible for the failure of the Japanese to carry out their offensive through on schedule.

In the course of the past two weeks, Japanese troops have been kept active constantly restoring communication lines cut at scores of points. Food and military supplies have on numerous occasions been captured or destroyed by the guerillas.

With their rear lines constantly threatened, the Japanese are still being thrown back in areas north and south of the Yangtse, where the Chinese forces are launching a series of counter-attacks with success.

Many important areas around Tienchiachen, Kwangtsi, Juichang and north of Tehan have been retaken, state official reports issued last night.

The Chinese lines between Juichang and Wuning were heavily bombed yesterday, but they are still holding their positions.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPAN CARRIES OUT FIRST RAID ON KUNMING

KUNMING, TO-DAY.

THE JAPANESE AIR FORCE PAID THE PRICE OF THREE PLANES FOR THEIR FIRST RAID ON KUNMING, CAPITAL OF YUNNAN, YES-TERDAY MORNING.

The air raid sirens shrieked at 9 a.m. when nine enemy machines were sighted heading for the city.

Shortly after, the raiders appeared. They were challenged by Chinese pursuits which had taken to the air. In the ensuing dogfight, three enemy planes were shot down. The rest hurriedly flew off.

They dropped bombs outside the city west gate, the missiles landing at the Kyn Hwa Normal School and the agricultural experimental station, killing and wounding scores.

The building of the Kun Hwa Normal School was partially damaged.

Of three Japanese machines shot down, one crashed at Yiliang to the southeast of Kunming and the other two at Nansien. Eleven airmen aboard the ill-fated planes were all killed.

The "all clear" signal was given at 9.40 a.m.—Central News.

JAPAN ASKED— TO GIVE GERMANY ADVICE

TOKYO, To-day.
The Foreign Office spokesman announced this morning that the United States Ambassador had visited the Foreign Minister, General Ugaki, to whom he proposed that the Japanese Government should advise Germany and Czechoslovakia to negotiate a peaceful settlement.

General Ugaki replied that Japan would be glad to see an amicable settlement, and would give the proposal serious consideration.—Reuter.

U.S. MARINES IN SHANGHAI MANOEUVRES

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
INTENSIVE MANOEUVRES WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE 1ST BATTALION, U.S. 4TH MARINES, ALONG SOOCHOW CREEK, SEPARATING THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE SETTLEMENT FROM JAPANESE-CONTROLLED TERRITORY, THIS EVENING.

The Marines will hold what is termed "normal drill" along the portion of the creek passing through their sector. They will begin at 6.30 and will end the manoeuvres at 8.30.

Reports that the Marines have been strengthening the defence works in their sector, have not been confirmed. Some activity in the way of stringing new telephone wire in the sector has been noted.—Reuter.

Astounding London Scenes Follow Dramatic Change

LONDON, To-day.

"It's all right this time." This spontaneous remark by the Prime Minister to cheering crowds on his return to Downing Street, epitomises the all-pervading feeling of relief in which the City heard the news of to-day's Munich conference between Britain, France, Italy and Germany.

Scenes reminiscent of boom times were witnessed on the street markets, where share prices soared in all sections. Kaffirs were most prominent.

On the rubber exchange, the committee of which quickly decided to extend trading until 5.30 p.m., values jumped in very heavy trading immediately up to 1/2d. above the fixed minimum at which they had been ruling since noon.

Meanwhile sugar slumped up to when the crisis was at its peak, 3d. below the high levels attained while in Liverpool the grain mar-

ket nosedived on a burst of selling, closely followed by wheat futures quotations in London.

STERLING APPRECIATES
The appreciation of sterling developed equally suddenly.

U.S. Dollars fell on New York selling followed by London offerings, from 4.62 to 4.71 before the Exchange Control arrested the plunge by supporting at 4.70.

The change for the better occurred somewhat too late to affect the bullion market, but contrary to the experience of the last few days, some buyers put in an appearance with prices ranging between 146/- and 147/- per fine ounce.—Reuter.

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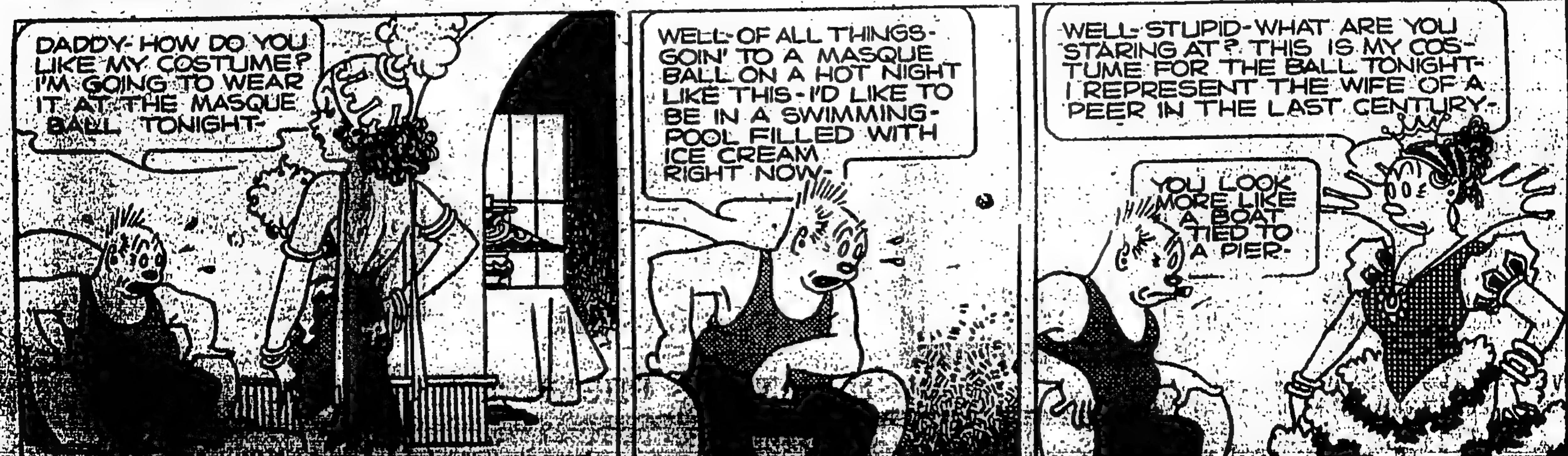
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Bringing Up Father



Chinese Restore Situation At Tienchiachen

Hankow, To-day

Fighting on both the Yangtze banks is developing favourably for the Chinese, according to military dispatches from various fronts.

The struggle at Tienchiachen, strategic town on the north bank above Wusueh, is described in the dispatches as of extreme violence. The Chinese have gained the upper hand after recovering several important heights, including Hsiangshan, Taochai, Lotoshan (Camel Hill), Pinanpang and Hills 3120 and 2625.

The Chinese position at Tienchiachen is said to be unusually strong. Besides the outer line of defence, an inner defence line has been established and is manned by crack reinforcements.

In an effort to remove the Japanese menace, the Chinese are attacking Kwangtsi. They have recaptured Kupingshan, Hsierchai and Hsiachiakang, in the north-western suburbs and control the highway running between Kwangtsi and Hwangmei.

The Japanese occupying Fuchikow on the south bank of the Yangtze opposite Tienchiachen are being subjected to constant shelling by the Chinese on the opposite bank of the Fu River, a tributary of the Yangtze.

The Japanese thrust toward Yangsin, is still halted on the east bank of Yangsin Lake. Artillery fire is being intermittently exchanged.

Japanese on the Juichang-Wuning highway are reported to be surrounded. After two days' fighting, the Chinese are tightening their grip. Poison gas is alleged to have been used several times by the desperate Japanese in their attempt to break through the Chinese corridor, but without avail.

The Japanese retreat has been completely cut as the strategic heights on both sides of the highway as well as Hsiaoniu, southwest of Juichang, have been regained by the Chinese. The Japanese trapped are described in military dispatches as "turtles in an urn."

In southeastern Honan, the Japanese recoiling on Loshan, are now besieged.

After the recapture of Yuchiatsi, south of Shangchen, the rear of the Japanese column. — Central News.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

The Chinese forces continue to make satisfactory progress in their counter-attack against the Japanese troops besieging the strategic fort below Hankow, claim Chinese reports.

The Chinese forces, it is stated,

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The steamer, name of which is not yet known, is believed to have left Hong Kong for Canton on Tuesday night and to have been detained ever since.

yesterday morning occupied Camel Hill, as well as hills in the immediate vicinity.

Japanese troops, it is admitted, on Tuesday occupied Pafengshan and Heichiashan, but the Chinese are said to have recaptured Pafengshan, and are now engaging the Japanese at Heichiashan.

YANGSIN LULL

A lull prevails in the vicinity of Yangsin Lake, where the opposing forces face each other across the lake. Occasional artillery duels, however, are taking place.

One Japanese detachment appeared on Tuesday in the vicinity of Shuihoushan, east of Pangpishan, west of Fuchikow, but they are reported to have been repulsed.

The situation near the Honan-Hupeh border has now eased considerably, it is stated, following the reported occupation by the Chinese of Yuchiatsi, 10 miles south of Shangchen, where the Chinese claim to have captured 17 Japanese military trucks, one tank and three machineguns. Several Japanese prisoners are said to have been taken.

—Reuter.

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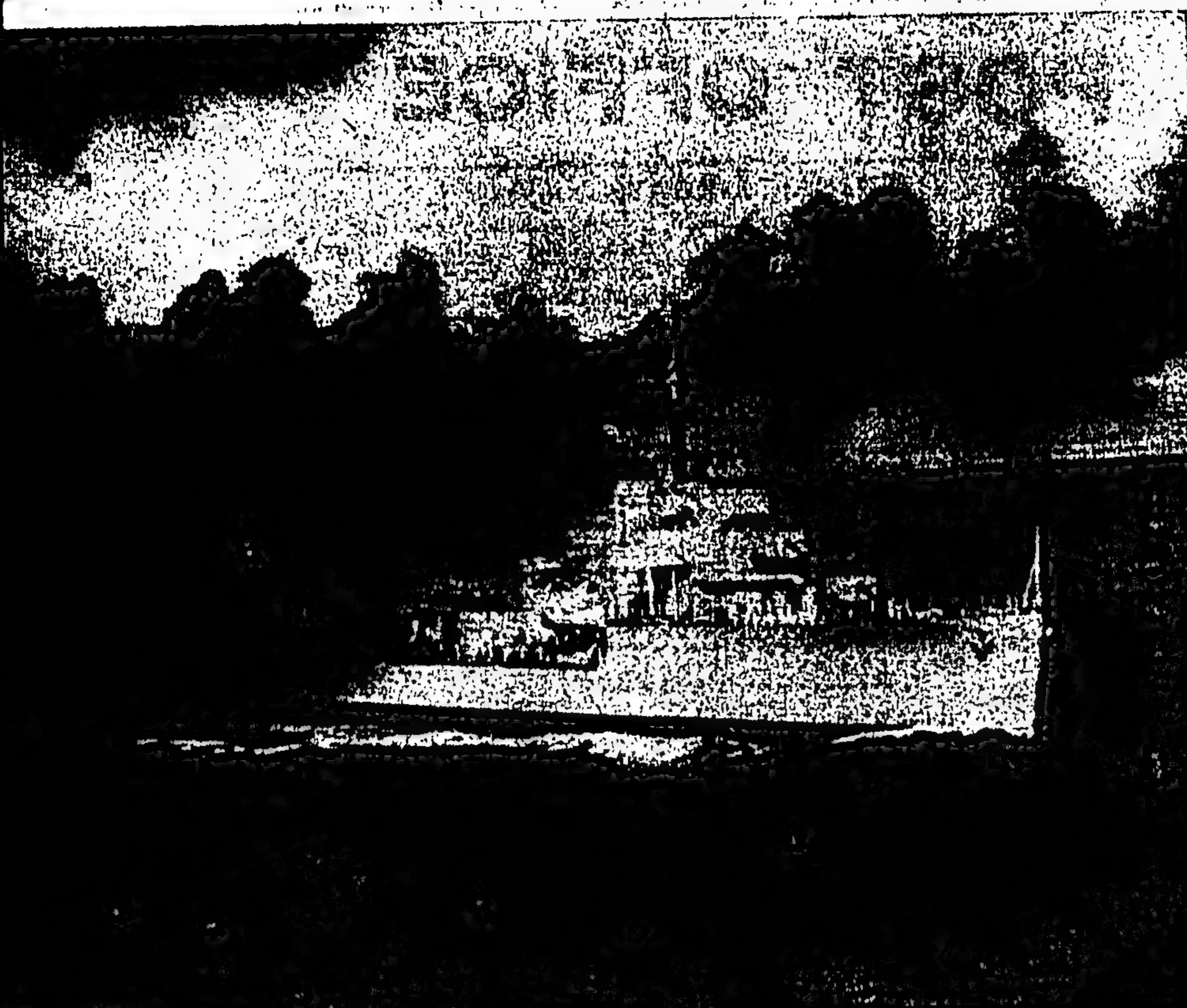
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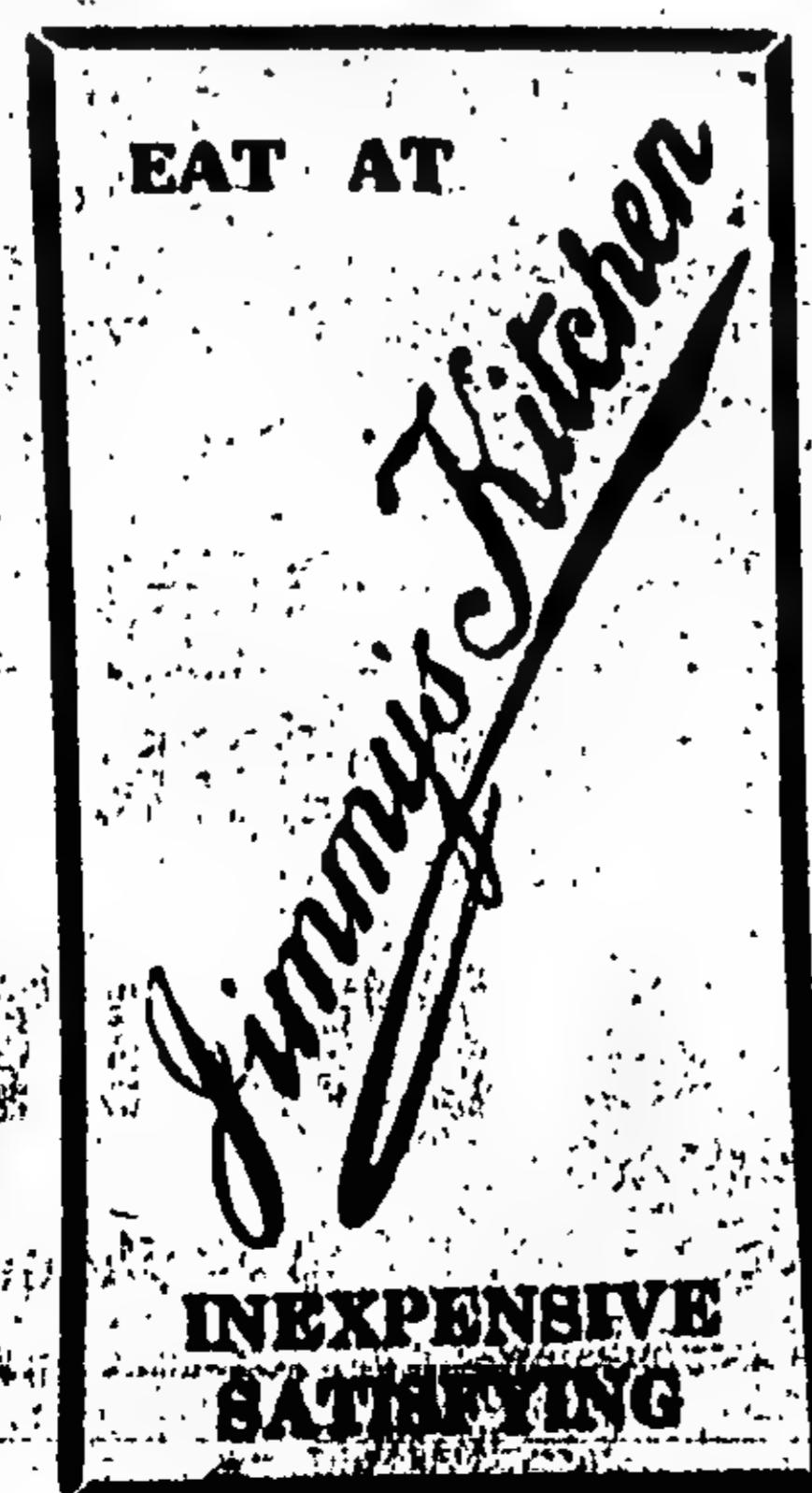
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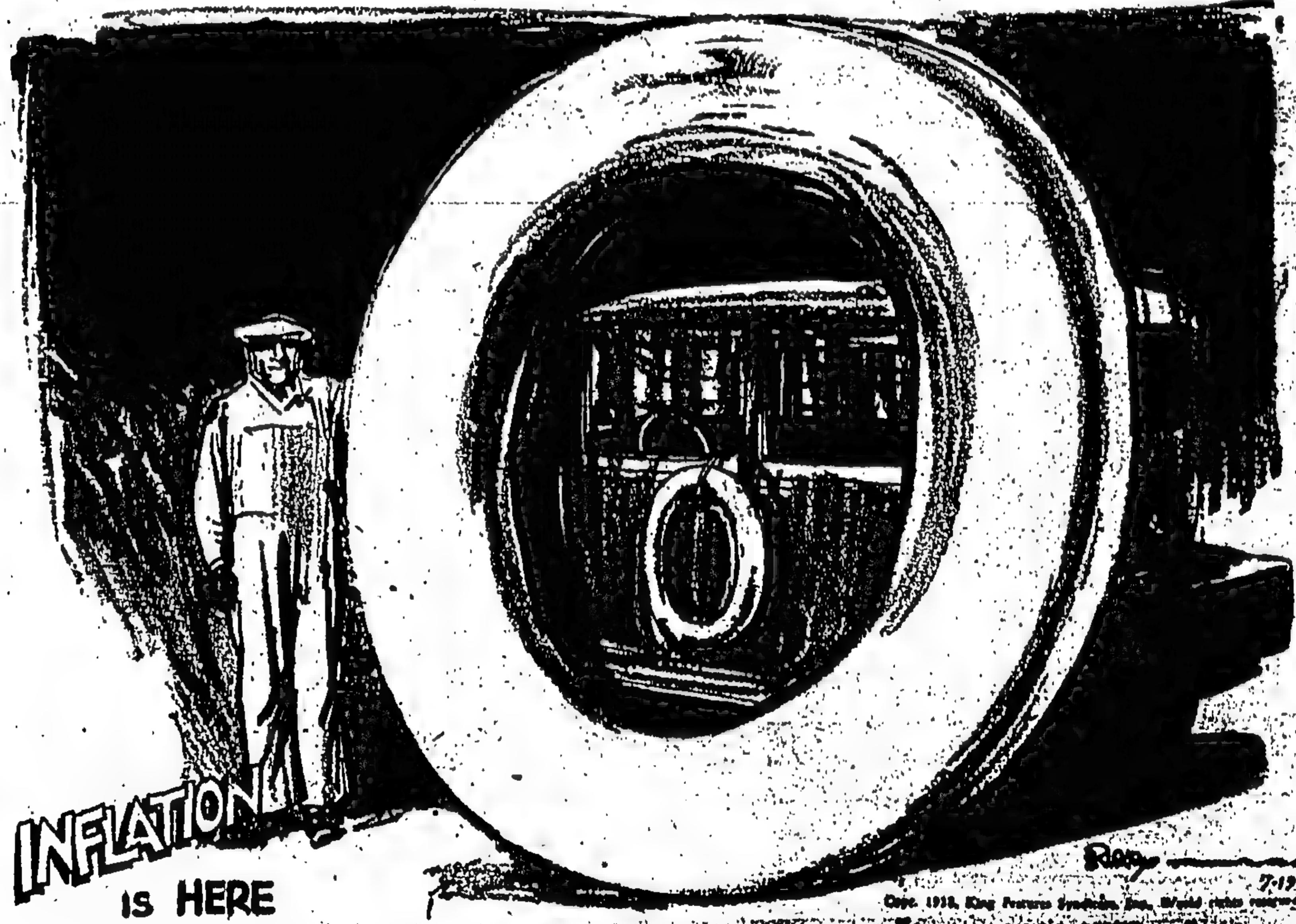
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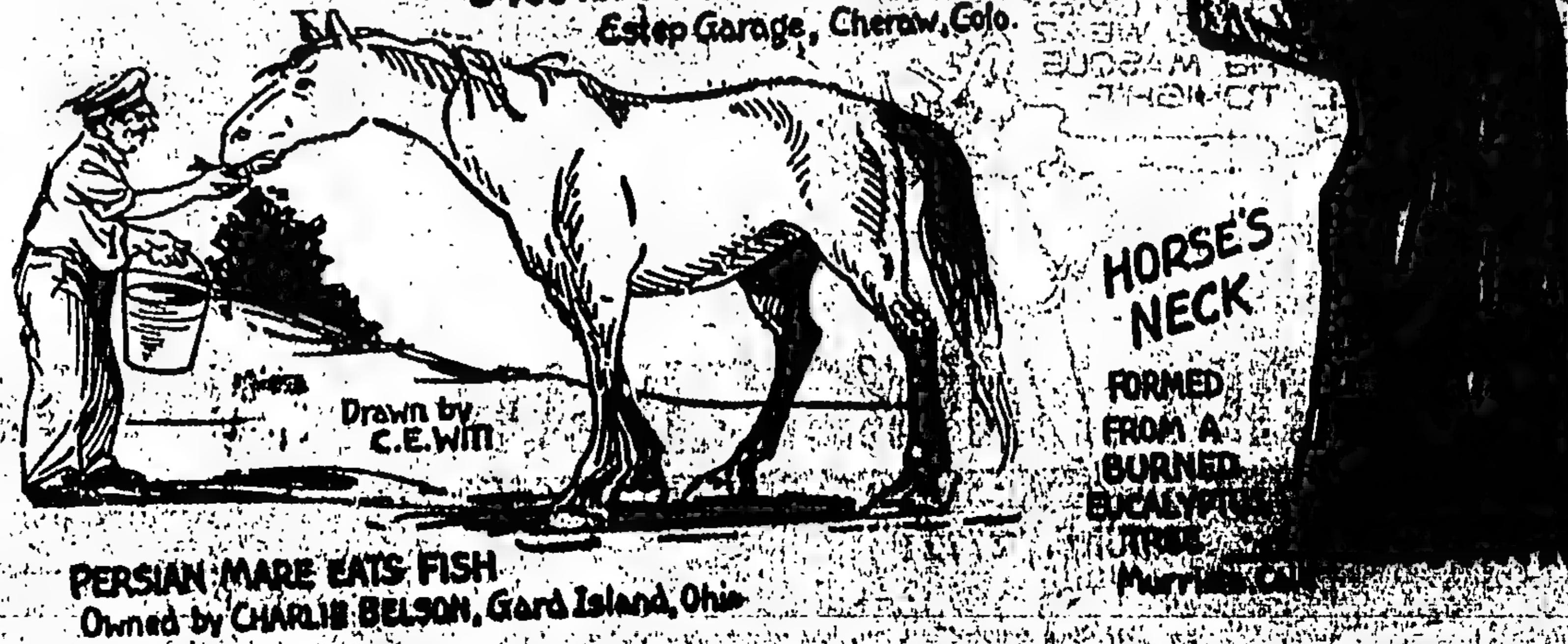
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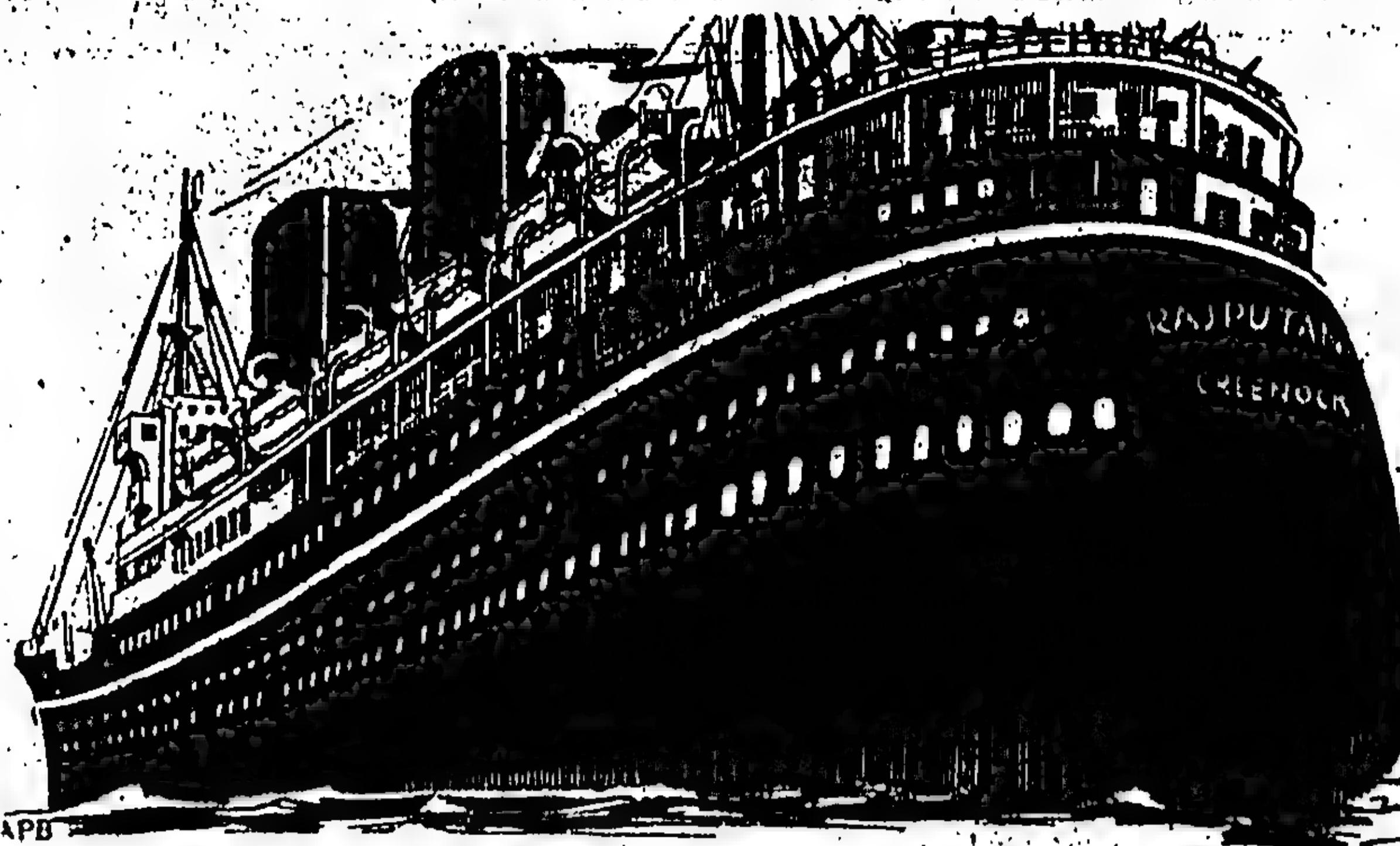
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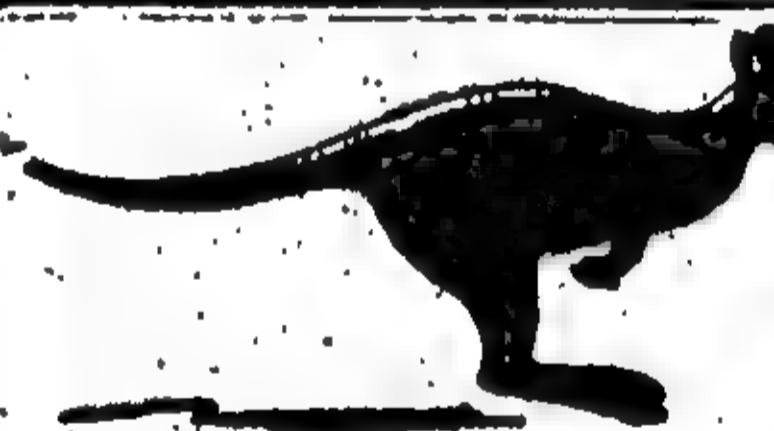
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Haiphong	Canton	September 29.
Hoihow	Muinam	September 29.
Japan	Nankin	September 29.
Parcels from Calcutta and Straits	Yuen Sang	September 29.
Haiphong	Suiyang	September 30.
Japan and Shanghai	Carthage	September 30.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 24th Sept.	Imperial Airways Plane	September 30.
Shanghai	Tusima Maru	September 30.
Saigon	Jean Laborde	September 30.
Shanghai	Yangtse	September 30.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco, date 21st Sept.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Oct. 1.
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For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow and Foochow	Thursday	Sagres Sept. 29, 2 p.m.
Amoy	Sagres	Sept. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Central and South America and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada) — due Vancouver B.C. 17th Oct. and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia.	Emp. of Asia	Thurs., Sept. 29.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow, Changsha and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sept. 29, 3 p.m.
Manila (Parcels and Papers only for Madang, Salamaua, Tulagi & Rabaul)	Par.	Sept. 29, 4.15 p.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow, Changsha and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Reg.	Sept. 29, 5 p.m.
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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — due London, 6th Oct.	Imperial Airways Plane	Sept. 29, K.P.O.
Reg.	Sept. 29, 5 p.m.	
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Air Mail for Malaya and Australia by Imperial Airways Plane	Imperial Airways Plane	Sept. 29, K.P.O.
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Reg.	Sept. 29, 7 p.m.	
Samshui and Wuchow	Friday	Sept. 30, 8.15 a.m.
Hoihow	Kongso	Sept. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Newchwang	Sept. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Hinsang	Sept. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	On Lee	Sept. 30, 9.30 a.m.
Hoihow	Szechuen	Sept. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kanchow	Sept. 30, 10.30 a.m.
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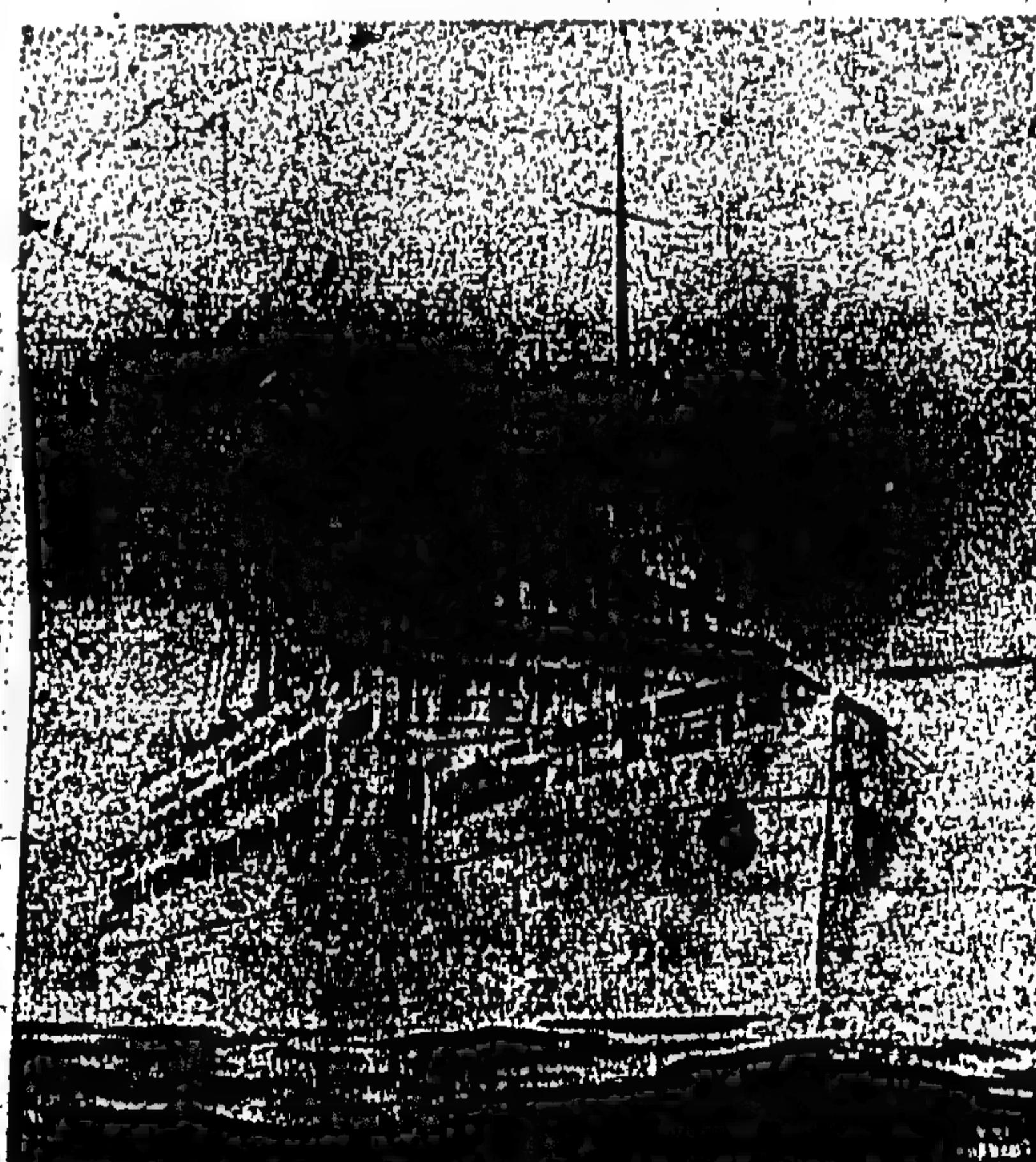
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STATE OF EMERGENCY IN NETHERLANDS

The Hague, To-day.

A state of emergency is to be proclaimed by the Netherlands Government to-day to facilitate adoption of rapid measures in the public interest.

Parliament will meet to deal with two urgent bills providing for measures against the raising of prices and for the distribution of foodstuffs to prevent hoarding, which has already led to unrest in certain big towns.

The Minister for Economic Affairs has decided to establish an Economic Council of Defence.—Reuter.

EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENT AT CHUNGKING

Chungking, To-day.

A British woman, Mrs. J. H. Moyhing, was the victim of an unprovoked assault in the street here yesterday morning.

Mrs. Moyhing, who is the wife of the insurance manager of Messrs. Barly and Dodwell, had her face slapped by a Chinese of the student class as she was proceeding in her own chair along one of the city's main streets.

The incident occurred at about 11 o'clock when two well-dressed Chinese stepped off the pavement, and one of them struck her across the face with his open hand, delivering a heavy blow.

The pair then walked off laughing.

The incident has been reported to the British Consul-General in Chungking, Mr. E. W. P. Mills.—Reuter.

DID NOT KNOW VALUE OF HAUL

Shum Kam-piu, 40, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for stealing a handbag from Leung Chun, of No. 38, Macdonnell Road.

Inspector Flattery, prosecuting, said the woman was walking in Albany Road, when defendant snatched her handbag, containing \$159 in Chinese currency and one \$10 Hong Kong note.

Defendant said he did not know that there was so much money in the handbag.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed, and he was recommended for banishment.

WING ON COMPANY PROSECUTES

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Yik Ng, 46, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. R. Edwards, when he was charged with fraudulent conversion of \$1,233 entrusted to him by the Wing On Company, to pay to the West River Transportation and Trading Co.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was present for the Wing On Company, and Det.-Sergt. C. Dowman for the Police.

TYphoon fills up

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anti-cyclonic area is centred over Korea, and pressure is relatively low over the Pacific to the east of the Philippines.

The typhoon, which was apparently of small area and low intensity, probably entered the coast near Swatow early this morning and is filling up.

Forecast.—Light variable winds, freshening later from east, cloudy generally, probably some rain.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2%. "Spot" silver was quoted in the New York on London at 184/8.

The London on New York rate amounted at £ U.S.\$4.7050, and the New York on London rate at

CHINA'S LOAN DECISION

Chungking, To-day.

In connection with the redemption of the Crisp Loan and the Anglo-French Gold Loan of 1908, due to-morrow and October 5 respectively, a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance announces that on account of the detention by the Japanese of the salt revenue in Japanese-occupied areas, on which the loans are secured, the National Government is compelled temporarily to postpone the repayment of principal but will pay the interest due as usual.—Central News.

COTTON FOR SILVER

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

A PROPOSAL THAT THE UNITED STATES COTTON CARRY-OVER BE EXCHANGED FOR HUGE SHIPMENTS OF SILVER FROM CHINA AND INDIA, HAS BEEN ADVANCED BY SENATOR KEY PITTMAN.

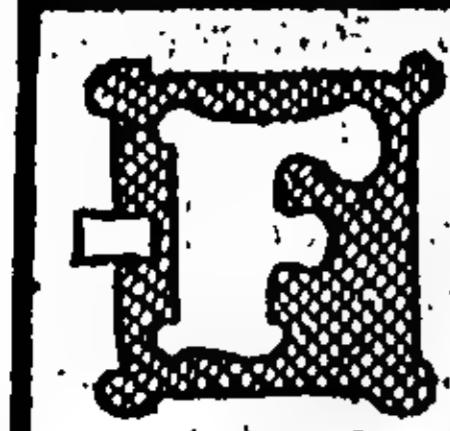
Pointing out that cotton growers are faced with disaster because of the loss of foreign markets, Senator Pittman suggests about 18,400,000 bales of cotton should be exported to the Orient in return for 670,000,000 ounces of silver.—Reuter.

TWO CHILDREN IN WOMAN'S CHARGE

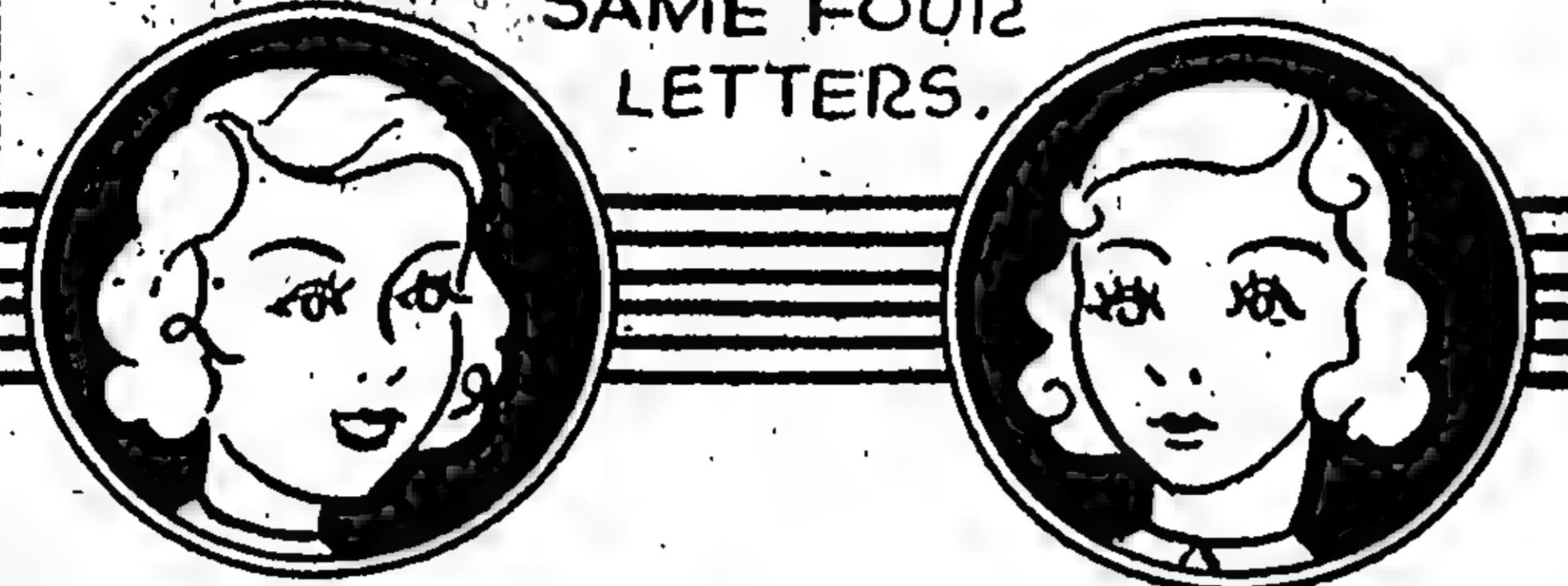
A fine of \$250 or three months was passed on a 54-year-old woman, Chan Nui, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for unlawful possession of two minors, Kwong Tai-tai, and Li Chau Kam, both nine years old.

Inspector E. J. Ellis said defendant was arrested on board the Tsin Tsin, with the boys. When questioned, she said that some other person asked her to bring them to the Colony.

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HUNGARIAN DEMARCHE

Budapest, To-day.

It is announced that the Hungarian Minister in Prague has presented the Czech Foreign Minister with a note in which it is declared that Hungary would regard as an unfriendly attitude any discrimination against the Hungarian minority.—Reuter.

GENEVA SURPRISED

Geneva, To-day.

League Circles were completely taken by surprise by the arrangement to hold a Four-Power Conference in Munich to-day.

Six Foreign Ministers and 40 diplomats were assembled to discuss the possibility of modifying sanctions, when the news arrived. — Trans-Ocean.

SHE BECAME STOUT ALL AT ONCE

Face Nearly Twice As Big As Before

Some people seem to put on weight all of a sudden. You meet them one day, and they are quite normal, then the next time you see them you hardly recognise them, they have become so fat. That was what happened to this woman, who put on 5½ stone before she began taking Kruschen.

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Much comment and some unexpected excitement was caused in London when Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, paid a series of visits to No. 10, Downing Street, the Foreign Office and the Home Office. Here he is seen entering the Home Office. (Copyright: By Air Mail).

H.K. AREA HOCKEY WIN OVER R.A.F.

VISITING SIDE FIND WET GROUND GREAT HANDICAP BACKS OF BOTH TEAMS WERE SOUND

(By AIR MAIL)

Singapore, September, 21.

ASODDEN field militated against polished play in the hockey match in which the Hong Kong Command (Army) team, which is visiting Singapore, beat Royal Air Force by three goals to one at Seletar yesterday.

The wet ground affected the visitors more than the home side, as they are accustomed in Hong Kong to playing in shoes on hard grounds.

Many of the players had not worn boots for several seasons prior to this tour, but the only man who played in shoes yesterday, Holmes, centre-forward, found it almost impossible to keep to his feet in fast play.

Each side was sounder in the backs than in the forwards, but Hong Kong's forward line contained better material than R.A.F.

Considering the fact that they have had only four matches together, the visiting team combined well, especially between the halves and the forwards.

One of the hardest-worked men on the field was Land, Hong Kong's centre-half, who was sound on defence and fed his forwards well.

GOOD CENTRE

Most prominent of the forwards was Beadnell, inside-right, who scored two of his side's goals. The other goal was scored by Holmes, who should be worth watching at centre when he has proper footgear for Singapore grounds.

The visitors' goalkeeper did not have as much to do.

Poor finish among the forwards lost many chances for R.A.F. In the second half, particularly, they had the territorial advantage, but ragged passing movements broke down in the circle. In other cases, poor shooting was evident.

GOOD CONTROL

R.A.F.'s centre-half, Watson, put up a creditable showing, and got in some powerful, wristy shots which showed good control.

Soon after the opening, Parkes had an unsuccessful shot for R.A.F., but a minute or two later, after a fruitless short corner, Guy sent in a slow shot. Dobson, in goal, ran out and stopped but failed to clear and Guy slipped the ball into the net.

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ANNUAL CROSS HARBOUR RACE TO-DAY

Weather permitting, the annual Colony Cross-Harbour Race will be held this evening, commencing at 5.15 p.m. from the Railway Pier, Kowloon, and terminating at the wall off the Victoria Recreation Club. The Governor will be present, if conditions permit. Post entries will be received up to 5 p.m.

H.K. Ladies Have Their Own Ground

MISS W. MARSH NEW CAPTAIN

MEMBERSHIP WILL BE DEPLETED

(By "STICKS")

The Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club do not expect to run two teams in the Ladies' Hockey League this season as they have lost many of their number and can barely field enough players for the Caer Clark Cup Competition.

At their annual meeting held last Tuesday, Miss W. "Freddie" Marsh was elected captain for the coming season while Mrs. J. Lunson was elected Vice-Captain. Miss Grace Swan is the new Hon. Secretary while Miss Sheila Bassett is Asst. Hon. Secretary. Miss V. Blackburn is Hon. Treasurer. Miss Joan Smailey was elected Vice-President of the Club. I understand that Miss Smailey and Mrs. Littlejohn (nee Jean Dalziel) will not be playing hockey this season.

HAVE OWN GROUND

The Selection Committee will comprise Miss Marsh, Mrs. Lunson, Mrs. D. L. Prophet, Mrs. Perrin and Miss B. Pope, while the Social Committee will comprise Mrs. P. M. Harrop, Mrs. Littlejohn, Mrs. Witkamp.

The Hong Kong Ladies' have been granted a ground of their own at Happy Valley (Area "G") and will hold their first practice match on Wednesday, October 5, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

EASTERN TO MEET COMBINED XI IN CHARITY SOCCER GAME

A charity football match in aid of distressed children in Kwangtung has been arranged between the Eastern Athletic Association and a Combined Eleven and is to be played on the Hong Kong Football Club ground today at 5.15 p.m.

Mrs. Yu Hon-mau, wife of General Yu Hon-mau, Pacification Commissioner of Kwangtung, has donated the ball and will present souvenir flags to the participating players at the conclusion of the game. Admiral and Mrs. Chan Chak will also be present.

Mr. Chan Lan-fong, President of the Eastern A.A., will kick off, and the referee will be Mr. R. M. Omar.

(Continued from Next Col.) to devote himself exclusively to golf, there is no telling to what heights he might reach.

FERRIER'S SUPERB TRIUMPH

Australian Golf Title Won By 14 Strokes

Sydney, September 25.

If a horse won the Melbourne Cup by two furlongs, no onlooker could get any excitement out of the finish. That is to say anyone who was hoping for a close finish. So it was in the Australian Open Golf Championship decided over three days' play at Seaton, Adelaide, finishing on Saturday.

Jim Ferrier, who had been runner-up on three previous occasions, won by just the bare 14 strokes. No one had won by that big margin before, and he made the whole event look silly.

The others went around with him. That was all. Even-money bets were laid before the event, that Norman von Nida would beat him. He came around the turn when Ferrier went past the finishing post. The rest of the field was strung out.

PLAYS OWN GAME

An amazing chap is this Ferrier. Like Cotton, probably the greatest golfer in the world, he concentrates on his own game. What the other fellow does doesn't matter. That is concentration to a superlative degree. The unfortunate playing with him regards it as rudeness.

Securing a lead of a stroke in the first round with a 71 Ferrier was never headed. The further they went the further he forged ahead, until with still a round of 18 holes to play pursuit was seen to be hopeless, thus robbing the event of the interest associated with a close finish.

A FIGHTER, BUT—!

His aggregate of 233, made up of rounds of 71, 68, 72, and 72, represented the kind of golf no other competitor could even approach. In a sense it was unsatisfactory that Ferrier had only to stand up to win over the last two rounds. He is essentially a fighter, and if he had had something to do to triumph over the last two rounds he might have put up figures that would have been more amazing than the par rounds he reeled off.

Ferrier has the stuff in him that goes to make up a champion. He thinks he is the best. And then he duly goes along to prove it.

He has no illusions about getting to the top of the tree without necessary preparation. No golfer practises more than he does. After a superlative round he will take out 100 balls and chip to the green. He spends hours on the putting green.

NOT POPULAR

Ferrier is not popular with other golfers, not because he is more skilled than they are, but because he says what he thinks. If, after finishing one over par, he is asked how he played, he will reply at once, "Rottenly." This sounds like swank, and is accepted as such, but Ferrier knows that he should, and could, have done better.

Not yet 24, Ferrier has lots of golf years ahead of him. If he were Continued at foot of preceding col.

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The Daggett Coat and Badge (Eng.), sculling race which has been provided for yearly since 1916, under the will of Thomas Daggett, was won by Edwin Phelps, the tenth of his family to win the coveted uniform. His great-great uncle was the first in 1860. His opponent was Silver Cobb, great nephew of Daggett Cobb, who won the event in 1880.

Newcastle United, prominent English Soccer clubs have paid a transfer fee over £8000 for the signature of Harry Clifton (inside right), a member of the recent English team, which toured the Continent.

Kelly And Caplan Matched

An announcement was made recently by the British Boxing Board of Control that Benny Caplan (London) and Spider Kelly (Belfast) will box for the vacant British and Empire featherweight titles. It is probable the fight will take place in Belfast in October.

It must take place on or before October 19, and the boxers must agree that the winner will forgo the usual six-months clause and be prepared to defend his titles against a contender nominated by the Board at any time.

The announcement will cause some protests from other featherweights who may claim they were more entitled to a championship fight than Kelly—as, for example, Len Beynon, the Welsh champion, who has done very well, and Dick Corbett, of Beth-

nal Green, who holds a decision over Caplan.

But the Board was virtually compelled to select someone at once to oppose Caplan. There were many preliminary fights prior to Caplan emerging as challenger to Johnny McGrory recently, and when McGrory failed to make the weight and thus forfeited his titles a decision such as this was imperative.

The best British featherweight is undoubtedly Ginger Foran, whom I saw beat Kelly in Glasgow in June of last year. But Foran is still in America.

Doubtless, he will be given a title fight as soon as he returns, and in the meantime Beynon or Corbett may be given an early chance of meeting the winner of the Belfast fight.

Big Rugby League sensation in England was the decision not to readmit to membership of the Rugby League the newly-formed Newcastle club. The R.L. legislators were not expected to take this drastic step even though they spent £1500 in one way and another. Soccer is too well established in the centre for R. L. to have a ghost of a chance.

Pride of Scotland's amateur sprinters, Robin Murdoch, showed all his old time form by dashing over the 100 yards in 9.9secs at the recent Scottish Amateur Athletic meeting. He finished well clear of his nearest rival.

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Sir Pelham Warner On Tests

WHY SELECTORS PINNED FAITH ON EDRICH: THOUGHTS WERE FOR FUTURE MUST FIND ANOTHER VERITY AND TATE TRIBUTE TO AUSTRALIANS

SEVERAL interesting comments on the recent Test Cricket Series just completed, were made in an interview by Sir Pelham Warner, one of the England Selectors. Sir Pelham, who is chairman of the English Test Selectors, said he was opposed to time-limitless Test matches in England on the ground that they were not suited to the English temperament. He suggested a maximum of five days.

Dealing with the difficulties of the selectors, Sir Pelham said that Edrich had been persisted with in face of batting failures because of his sound all-round play.

"In the last game, for instance," added Sir Pelham, "Edrich took Hassett's wicket in the first innings and made three good catches. Fagg, whom many thought we ought to have played is a good bat, but his fielding leaves something to be desired.

"Edrich admittedly was disappointing, but he is a very able bat and a fine fieldsman.

"I have received quite a few anonymous letters asking why we did not play Leyland at Leeds. Well, Leyland was injured and could not play at Leeds. Earlier in the season he was off his form.

THOUGHT FOR FUTURE

"Throughout the summer the aim of the selectors has not only been to obtain a side good enough to beat Australia, but further, we have had our eye on 1940 and 1942—we have been building for the future.

"Which was the better side? Australia had the best batsman in Bradman, great as is Hammond, and the best bowler in O'Reilly. But I think England, at full length, had the better all-round side.

"English cricket generally is very much alive and will remain alive for years to come. But there are some weak spots.

ANOTHER TATE

"We have a great number of young and promising batsmen, not only in the England XI., but on the fringe of it. We need another slow left-hand bowler besides Verity, and we must do all we can to discover another Maurice Tate.

"We are fairly well off for spin bowlers, such as Wright, P. Smith and Wilkinson of Lancs. But the search for good new bowlers must be unremitting. Also we must pay more attention to fielding. The England XI.'s fielding had some blemishes.

"Frankly I am not at all pleased with the state of English cricket as a whole, including county cricket. Much of the county cricket is of poor quality.

"I would like to see the county sides strive to attain the sort of standard assumed by Yorkshire in keenness, energy and high endeavour.

QUALITY NOT QUANTITY

"The general standard is far too low. There is too much quantity and not enough quality."

Sir Pelham paid a tribute to Hutton, the young English record-breaker.

London, August 25.

astrious start were practically unbeatable in the latter part of the season. As anticipated they finished second in the First Division of the League. I am given to understand that lawn bowls League matches are somewhat grim contests and liable to cause displays of temperament, but from what I have seen, and know, of our players, I believe they play the game in the true spirit.

"At last month's extraordinary general meeting some members who had heard that no minutes were to be found of the extraordinary general meeting in July 1935, at which our original articles governing admission and status of lady subscribers was passed, went so far, by way of criticism, as to suggest that the article had not been agreed to in the form in which it was registered. Having no record and being quite unable to remember anything that transpired at the 1935 meeting, I was then not in a position to confute the critics and naturally apologised for the absence of those minutes. I subsequently ascertained that I myself had signed the return to the Registrar of the article and the complete minutes of that meeting were recorded in the 1935 committee book, which everyone can now see if they so desire.

ILL-FOUNDED SUGGESTION

"Those minutes are quite comprehensive but contain nothing that an amendment was even proposed, much less carried. It is a mystery how the Honorary Secretary failed to locate these minutes but here they are. I think you will agree, therefore that any suggestion that the resolution was not carried in the form registered, involving as it did, an innuendo of gross negligence, if not of bad faith, was quite ill-founded and should never have been made nor should it have been supported, as it was, by one member who was not in the Colony in July 1935, nor by a member of that year's committee who, if there had been negligence or ill-faith, could not have escaped part of the responsibility.

"Hammond has been great on the field as a player, an able and inspiring captain and a very sagacious counsellor in the committee room.

"I would like to say that I have never admired Australian cricket more than during their very long and tiring bout of fielding in the last Test.

"Their fielding was a marvellous effort of determination, concentration and energy. All cricketers were grieved at Bradman's accident. An Australian eleven without Bradman is just unthinkable."

When Italy defeated Hungary in the final of the world football championship in Paris recently, a committee was appointed to select an All Europe side to meet England for the benefit of the Football League's Jubilee Fund in London on October 26. An effort will be made to bring England into the World Cup fold. The event is held every four years.

This year's running marathon from Windsor to London was won by H. A. Palme (Sweden), the second of his race to win the title. He covered the 26 miles 386 yards in 2 hours 42 minutes. In 1913 another Swede, A. Ahlgren, won in 2 hrs 36

TEST RECEIPTS OF £78,000

Decrease Of £10,000

London, August 31. Gate receipts for the four days at the Oval were £17,433, a decrease of £1,225, compared with 1934, when the match also ended the fourth day.

This is a disappointment for the Australians and the English county clubs, who share the bulk of the receipts, and who were hoping that the Oval "gate" would compensate for the almost total financial loss at Manchester last month, when rain washed out the fourth Test.

It is estimated that Test match receipts this year will be about £78,000. In 1934 £88,312 was taken at the five matches.

FAIRMOUS RACING DRIVER

Record-Breaking Hobby of Mr. John Cobb

London, September 15. Record-breaking is Mr. John Cobb's hobby. In everyday life he is a fur-broker in the City of London, and he spends five and a half days each week at business—when he is not seeking motor racing records in America or on the Continent.

Aged 38, Cobb is 6 ft. 2 ins. tall, weighs 14 stone, and lives with his parents at Esher, Surrey.

As a racing motorist he is what might be called a "gentleman driver," owning and paying for his various speed cars. He has spent a small fortune on his hobby. In his own words, he reckons that he will be £5000 "down the drain" on this latest effort, even though he is now world record-holder, successor to such men as Sir Henry Segrave, Sir Malcolm Campbell, and Captain George Eyston. "The kick is worth it," is his excuse for this expenditure.

During his long career as a racing motorist Mr. Cobb has set up scores of records. It was at Bonneville Salt Flats, the scene of his latest and greatest triumph, that two years ago he easily beat the previous best for the 2000 miles by averaging 152.96 miles per hour.

THE NAPIER-RAILTON

The car in which he has now won the title of world speed king is all-British, and was designed by Mr. Reid Railton. It is one of the most curious-looking racing cars ever built.

Weighing two and three-quarters—less than half of the weight of Captain Eyston's Thunderbolt—it has no radiator or fin, and is completely covered with a detachable skin of aluminium.

In appearance it suggests a whale or prehistoric monster. On each side of the chassis is a 1250 h.p. Napier aero-engine.

COST TREMENDOUS

The car cost \$10,000. Half of this sum will be defrayed by the backing which has been given to Mr. Cobb, revenue from various firms whose products were used, and other sources. The remaining £5000 comes out of Mr. Cobb's pocket.

Mr. Cobb's ambition is to be the first man on earth to travel at 400 miles an hour. "After that I should like to retire," he says.

Mr. Cobb has held the Brooklands lap record of 143.44 m.p.h. since October 1935, when, in his Napier-Railton, he reached during the run 151.97 m.p.h. over the measured kilometre. This is the fastest speed ever recorded at Brooklands. At the Easter Monday meeting last year, Mr. Cobb won a race from scratch at 136.03 m.p.h., the fastest speed at which a race has ever been won at Brooklands.

next few months or even years I am sure every member of this Club will meet them in the true club spirit." (Hear, hear and applause).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Following the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, the following were elected as officers-bearers for the ensuing year:

President—Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell; Vice-President—Mr. E. Abramham, Captain of the Club, Mr. F. Goodwin, Vice-Capt., Mr. D. J. N. Anderson; Hon. Secretary, Mr. V. C. Labrum; Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. Thomson and Co.; Lawn Bowls representative, Mr. E. Kern; Tennis representative, Mr. G. White; Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

Committee—Messrs. W. L. McKenzie, E. C. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, G. C. Burnett, T. A. Madar and R. S. Capell.

Expressing appreciation on his re-election as President for the 14th year, Mr. Justice Lindsell remarked that it might be the last occasion in which he would have the honour to preside, as the time for his retirement was drawing near.

An honorarium of \$200 each to the Hon. Secretary and the Bar Convener was approved.



Alfred Barton
From
The Studio

12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Stuart Robertson (Baritone). In Summertime On Bredon (Peel); Sea Fever (Ireland); When Lights Go Rolling (Ireland)...with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

12.40 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra. The Phantom Melody (Ketelbey); Bells Across The Meadow (Ketelbey); The Valley Of The Poppies (Ancliffe); A Birthday Serenade (Lambe); Maid Of The Mountains Waltz (Fraser-Simson); Katja The Dancer—Waltz (Gilbert).

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Reginald Foort (Organ) and Sam Browne (Baritone).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. "Great of the Wave" (Hassall & Ivor Novello); Rose Of England... Edgar Elmes; Haven Of Your Heart... Olive Gilbert acc. by The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.

"Careless Rapture"—Selection (Novello, Hassall)... Geraldo & His Orchestra.

"Rio Rita"—Vocal Gems (McCarthy & Tierney); "Follow Through"— Vocal Gems (De Sylva, Brown, Henderson)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"The Gold Diggers of 1938"—Selection... The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with Vocal Chorus.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

To-day's Voices

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5 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Turner Layton (Piano & Vocal).

Old Plantation (Redmond & David); September In The Rain (film 'Melody for Two'); When The Harvest Moon Is Shining (Wilfred & Swaine).

7.12 p.m.—Dance Music.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs". A talk by J. L. Brierly, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law in the University of Oxford.

8.15 p.m.—Vladimir Horowitz at the Piano.

Presto-Passionato. (Appendix to Op. 22—Schumann); Traumeswirren, Op. 12, No. 7 (Schumann); Mazurka In E Minor, Op. 41, No. 2 (Chopin); Forgotten Waltz (Liszt).

8.30 p.m.—Studio—Albert Barton (Baritone) with the Z.B.W. Orchestra.

1. Arlequinade (Gazaneuve): (a) March; (b) Gavotte; (c) Segne-dille; (d) Serenade Orientale; (e) Scherzo; (f) Carillon....Z.B.W. Orchestra.

2. I Travel the Road (Pat Thayer); There is a Ladye (Winifred Bury)... Albert Barton (Baritone).

3. Caravan by Night (Rangato).... Z.B.W. Orchestra.

4. Fairings (Easthope Martin); Cloze-Props (Walsey Charles)... Albert Barton (Baritone).

5. Spanish Dances (Moszkowski)... Z.B.W. Orchestra.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.55 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording "The Air-de-Wells". A Radio Concert Party with Claude Gardner, Effie Atherton, Brian Lawrence, Jean John, Ronald Hill, Marion Dawson, Wilfred Thomas, Margaret Stedford and The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra under the direction of S. Kneale Kelley.

11 p.m.—Close down.

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6 a.m.—Big Ben. "World Affairs."

6.15 a.m.—"Melody and Song": Peggy Philip.

6.25 a.m.—"The Bronze Venus." Play for broadcasting.

6.50 a.m.—"Theatre Composers: Andre Messager, the Man and his Music."

7.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8 a.m.

8.15 a.m.—Close down.

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10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Music of Donald Tovey.

11.30 a.m.—Elizabethan Ballets.

12 noon—World Affairs. Talk by J. L. Brierly, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law in the University of Oxford.

12.15 p.m.—The Serge Krish Septet.

12.45 p.m.—"Kip." Pages from the diary of a tramp.

1 p.m.—"Sweet Serenade." Pot-pourri of romantic tunes.

1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

1.50 p.m.—End of Transmission 2.

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G.M.T.

2 p.m.—Big Ben. "Speed." Programme of tunes in quick succession.

2.15 p.m.—The Central Band of His Majesty's Royal Air Force.

3 p.m.—Short Story.

3.15 p.m.—"Steamboat."

4 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—"Matters of Moment." Talk by Diwan Bahadur Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, C.I.E., in series for listeners in India.

4.35 p.m.—Recital by Ronald Stear (Bass).

5 p.m.—Close down.



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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of October, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 28th September, 1938.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the Board Room, South China Morning Post, Ltd., on FRIDAY, 30th September, 1938, at 5.45 p.m., for the purposes of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st August, 1938, and of electing office bearers for the ensuing year, etc.

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"In view of this state of affairs and the fact that previous proposals do not do justice to the situation, and led by a desire to make a last effort for carrying out peaceful handing over of Sudeten German territory to the Reich, the Fuehrer has invited the heads of the governments of Britain, France and Italy for a personal talk, and it is to be hoped that at the eleventh hour this talk will lead to an agreement in regard to measures to be put into practice immediately for handing over Sudetenland as promised by the Czech Government."—Reuter.

BERLIN SATISFIED

Berlin, To-day. The news of the conference between Europe's four leading statesmen has been received with great satisfaction in political quarters.

Hope of the possibility of a peaceful solution has been reawakened and has given rise to a feeling of joy. Large crowds gathered in the Wilhelmstrasse where the Fuehrer's official residence is located, and adjacent streets, and waited patiently till the Fuehrer left the Chancellory at 8 p.m. to drive to the Anhalt Station, from where he left for Munich in a special train.

NEW ANGLO-FRENCH PROPOSALS

Since it is learned that new proposals have been submitted by France and Britain, it is hoped that the relatively narrow gap between

the German and the Anglo-French viewpoints will be further reduced.

It is pointed out in this connection that the first suggestion for the conference was made by Mr. Chamberlain who expressed a wish to have a further talk with the Fuehrer.

It is believed that the German Memorandum must be the basis of the Munich conversations.

As regards cession of Sudeten German territory, political circles point out that agreement in principle had already been reached some time ago, so that the only thing remaining is to reach an agreement as to the methods.

CANNOT CONTINUE

It is stressed, however, that the present state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue "in view of the plight of the Sudeten-German refugees" and that, for this reason, a postponement of the German preparations for the occupation of the purely German Sudeten Region is out of the question.

Second condition for success of the Munich parleys is that it must be recognised that all previous proposals for solution of the Sudeten question have proved unsatisfactory.

It is hoped that the statesmen meeting the Fuehrer at Munich will show a growing understanding of the German viewpoint.

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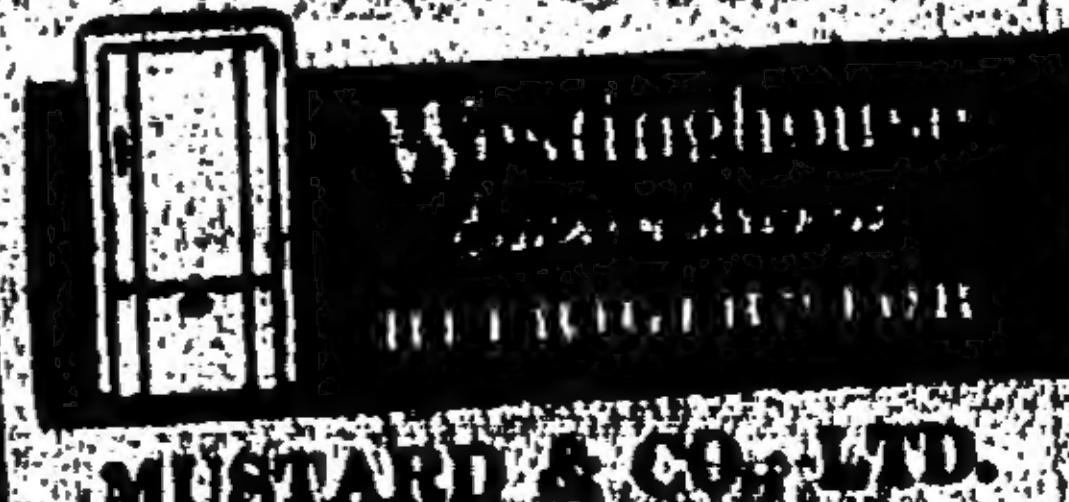
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